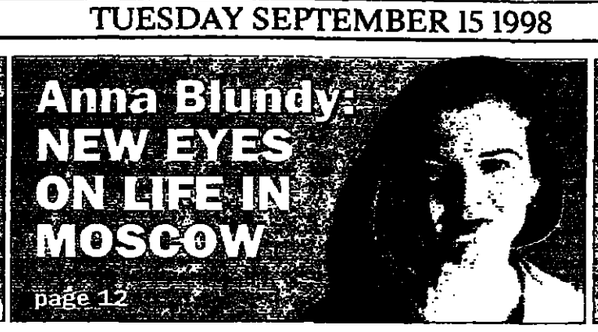
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'Greedy bastards' of the boardroom

TUC leader lambasts directors' pay

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY AND JILL SHERMAN

JOHN EDMONDS, President of the TUC, yesterday delivered a stinging attack on boardroom pay branding some directors as "greedy bastards".

In a vitriolic condemnation of soaring executive pay, which will be followed later this week by a separate attack from John Monks, TUC General Secretary, Mr Edmonds said there should be government action against directors who take pay increases of £50,000 or more.

Meanwhile John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, offered little hope of any significant rises in public-sector pay in the near future.

Mr Edmonds, General Secretary of the GMB, began the TUC Congress on a controversial note by also calling for higher tax levels for top earners. He said: "Executive pay is now the politics of the pig trough. We have little chance of creating a fair society unless we insist that people with great power act with a similar level of responsibility."

Mr Edmonds, who last week warned of industrial unrest over public pay levels, urged Stephen Byers, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, to clamp down on boardroom excesses in his general drive to curb pay levels. He said: "A company director who takes a pay rise of £50,000 when the rest of the workforce is getting a few hundred is not part of some general trend."

Ruth Lea, head of policy at the Institute of Directors, defended pay levels although she said there were occasional abuses. She said: "Some of the top directors are stars of the system." She said that even a pay jump of £50,000 may be acceptable in some circumstances and accused Mr Edmonds of "intemperate language".

Simon Sperryn, chief executive of the London Chambers of Commerce, attacked Mr Edmonds for using the "language of the saloon bar". A spokeswoman for the Confederation of British Industry said that directors also took pay cuts as well as benefiting from rises.

Tomorrow the TUC will publish a new probe into remuneration committees — the teams of directors which set boardroom pay and benefits packages — which have been criticised by Mr Monks as an old-boys network. He will target them as pressure grows among unions to narrow the gap between public-sector pay and that of directors.

Mr Prescott said that the Government had to be "firm and fair" and had to recruit and motivate staff. But this had to be within the limits of what could be afforded. "You in your own unions have to live within your budget and so does Government. We must manage our resources."

Mr Edmonds said higher earners should pay more tax to quell inflation. He said: "Our income tax rates are the lowest in Europe and high interest charges are crushing British industry. So we must have the courage to break this ill-founded consensus, and tell people earning over £50,000 or £100,000 a year that they must pay higher taxes."

Mr Edmonds said that privatisation had left "a bunch of water companies where there seem to be almost as many bloated rodents in the boardroom as in the sewers. He added: "And what did the privatisation of the railways teach us other than the fact that you need more than beard, an open-neck shirt and a failed diploma in ballooning to make the trains run on time?"

Unison, Britain's biggest union set out a hall of shame in the privatised utilities. It said that Iain Robinson, chief executive of ScottishPower, earns £487,345, a 23 per cent rise last year from 1997. Gordon Owen, chief executive of Energis, the telecoms company, received a 358 per cent pay rise to £938,967 and Jim Forbes, chief executive of Southern Electric, last year was paid £399,000, a 45 per cent rise.

The union, which is campaigning for the minimum wage to be increased from £3.60 to £4.61, said the pay of the best-paid directors dwarfed that of ordinary workers.

Later Mr Prescott accused trade unions of playing up the threat of a recession and making unrealistic demands over both public-sector pay and interest rates. In a surprisingly blunt message, Mr Prescott told delegates to stop whingeing over the economy.

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The President and Hillary Clinton ponder the global financial crisis during their visit to New York yesterday

Clinton promises to lead the world

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON yesterday told Americans that the "United States has an absolutely inescapable obligation to lead" the world out of financial crisis, as he hit the lecture and party circuit in an attempt to repair his image and fill his party's coffers.

His remarks came as he, his wife Hillary, Vice-President Al Gore and his wife Tipper descended on Manhattan.

It was the first time that the quartet, once dubbed the party's "fabulous foursome", had appeared in public together since President Clinton's confession of an adulterous affair with Monica Lewinsky.

Mr Clinton told Americans that "we cannot forever be an oasis of prosperity" during global financial upheaval, "the biggest challenge facing the world in a half century". He warned Congress that it would be failing its "responsibilities" if it failed to give more money to the International Monetary Fund.

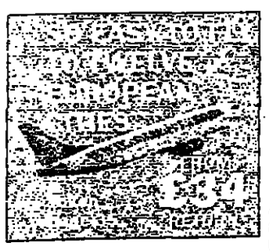
In remarks widely seen as an implicit call for lower interest rates, he said that inflation "was a good thing to be preoccupied with" but that battle had been won. A cut in rates could boost the slowing economy, the extraordinary strength of which has underpinned Mr Clinton's popularity.

He called for ministers and central bankers to meet in the next month to come up with urgent responses to the crisis afflicting more than a third of the world economy.

After Mr Clinton's speech at the Council on Foreign Relations, the first stop was a $50,000-a-head fund-raising gathering at the Fifth Avenue home of Denise Rich, a Manhattan socialite and song-

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Wallace dies

George Wallace, the former Governor of Alabama, has died aged 79. Mr Wallace, who recanted his segregationism, was shot and paralysed in 1972 as he campaigned for the presidency ..... Page 21

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Captain Scott's belongings may go back to his Antarctic hut

BY STEPHEN FARRELL

AN HISTORIC candle lantern and other artefacts taken from Captain Scott and Sir Ernest Shackleton's South Pole expedition huts were yesterday withdrawn from a Christie's auction, hours after historians voiced concern over their sale.

Their owner, a retired New Zealand Air Force Wing Commander, John Claydon, pulled lots 210-214 from the *Exploration and Travel* sale and donated them to the Scott Polar Research Institute after the author Jeff Rubin wrote to *The Times* saying the sale damaged the continent's cultural heritage.

Last night Christie's was due to hand them to Dr John Heap, executive director of the Institute. They will be sent back to New Zealand, which controls the Ross Dependency and may ultimately be put back in the Scott and Shackleton huts.



"Oh my God! Christie's have got here before us"

The controversial objects, estimated to fetch £13,000, included a candle lantern from Shackleton's Cape Royds hut on his 1907-09 expedition; leather sledge straps from Captain Scott's 1902-04 Discovery Expedition Hut; a brass coat-hook from Scott's Cape Evans cubicle and a glass beaker, crucible and bottles from Dr Edward Adrian Wilson's cubicle.

Wing Commander Claydon, 80, one of the first New Zealanders to go to the South Pole, removed them in 1957 while running air support for the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic expedition. Two years later the 1959 Antarctic Treaty was passed protecting the sites and banning the removal of objects.

He said that he had left them in his garage for 40 years until he decided to get rid of them, and that money from the sale was "intended to go back to the Antarctic." But yesterday he agreed to donate them to the Institute and said the auction house had waived its usual penalty for items withdrawn late.

"In view of the hoo-hah it was decided to withdraw them. I suggested that they should go to the Antarctic Heritage Trust in the UK. They can send them back to New Zealand or they can go back to the huts," he said.

Both Wing Commander Claydon and Christie's insisted he was the rightful owner because the items came into his possession before the 1959 Treaty.

Mr Rubin said that an auction would have sent the wrong message to the increasing numbers of tourists.

Viagra on the NHS is banned

DOCTORS have been ordered not to prescribe Viagra on the NHS. Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, said yesterday that if there was a rush on the anti-impotence drug other patients could be denied the treatment they needed.

In a letter to GPs, health authorities and trusts, Mr Dobson said the ban was an interim measure.

The drug may be licensed in Europe today, and GPs will then be able to prescribe it, but only on a private prescription. Each pill is expected to cost £4.84, but it is difficult to predict how many men will want treatment, so estimates of the total cost of prescribing it have ranged from £50 million (from the manufacturer, Pfizer) to £1 billion a year.

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Bowler's perfect score is just not good enough

FROM ROB HUGHES IN KUALA LUMPUR

SPORTING perfection can still mean defeat if you haven't got the perfect partner, an Englishman discovered at the Commonwealth Games yesterday. Competing in tenpin bowling, Richard Hood knocked down all ten pins, ten times in a row.

It was the equivalent of a cricketer hitting six sixes or a snooker player achieving a maximum 147 break, but Hood was left with a silver medal and forced to endure the strains of the Australian anthem.

The problem was that he was playing mixed doubles. The 300 points that the computer consultant scored in a shopping mall in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, was not quite enough to win the mixed doubles event. The combined score of Cara Honeychurch, a diminutive Australian, and her partner Frank "the tank" Ryan beat the total of Hood and his teammate, Pauline Buck, from Surbiton, Surrey.



Richard Hood on his way to a maximum 300 tenpin bowling score in Malaysia

But while the gold went to Australia, the bespectacled Hood won the adulation of the audience. Tenpin bowling, although invented in New York in 1890, is a national obsession in Malaysia. It was included in the Games for the first time at the insistence of the home country — which had high hopes of taking the gold itself.

Excitement was already growing among the audience of 2,000 when Hood, 44, bowled his seventh ball. By the time the final pin toppled, hundreds of extra spectators were standing at the back of the crowded hall, craning for a view. Members of other teams joined the celebrations, exchanging high fives as Hood, the calmest person in the arena hit perfection.

In a competition lasting several hours, the score by the English pair was just 45 points short of the Australian total of 3,605. Hood — and his partner — can still strike gold in the singles.

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CLINTON SCANDAL

Clinton faces crucial choice over senator's olive branch

ORRIN HATCH, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has offered President Clinton what could be regarded as an olive branch. Admit the obvious perjury, the Republican senator said, and Congress could consider a vote of censure rather than impeachment.

That sentiment was echoed by his Democratic colleague, Senator Robert Kerrey of Nebraska. Many more figures on Capitol Hill — both Republican and Democrat — will now rush to endorse the same approach. It will seem reasonable enough to most Americans. The advice, in political terms, is difficult to dispute.

But the President's lawyers will regard it as a poisoned chalice. They will point out the gravity of admitting to perjury to a grand jury. They will argue that any plea-bargain that does not involve Kenneth Starr is a dubious venture. They will note that Mr Starr has the legal right to pursue the criminal aspects of the Lewinsky affair in the courts.

COMMENTARY

BY TIM HAMES

They are almost certainly right. It remains a matter of real constitutional uncertainty as to whether a serving President can be placed on trial for criminal actions. The sole precedent involves a 1973 Justice Department ruling concerning Spiro Agnew, the then Vice-President. Agnew was facing prosecution for offences he had committed in his earlier career as Governor of Maryland. Agnew tried to argue that his post as Vice-President protected him from trial while in office. The Justice Department disagreed and instead (somewhat conveniently for Richard Nixon) determined that only the President enjoyed that protection. That dictum forced Agnew's resignation.

The logic of this position has been badly undermined by two subsequent Supreme Court cases. In *US v Nixon* 1974 the Court ruled unanimously that a President was obliged, in criminal cases, to surrender material that could lead to his own prosecution. Nixon left office shortly after that judgment. In *Clinton v Jones* 1997 the Supreme Court decided that a President could face trial in civil cases while in office. It is difficult to appreciate a legal logic that would result in a President being eligible for trial on slander or libel but not in the more serious instances of perjury and obstruction of justice. The Supreme Court would be asked to clarify this.

So it is not impossible that Mr Clinton could face trial and certain sentence of some form for perjury. Even if that is unlikely, Mr Clinton's lawyers will tell him, he will definitely be open to prosecution the moment he becomes a private citizen. Again an advance acknowledgement of guilt would fatally undermine his legal standing. Mr Starr might risk becoming the most unpopular man in America if he hounded Mr Clinton in the courts. That opprobrium has not bothered him so far.

Mr Clinton could decide to risk all and accept Mr Hatch's offer. He would bravely ackowledge his willingness to take whatever legal sanction might emerge but ask that such a showdown await his departure from Washington. If he made this pledge, sincerely and without slippery legal language, he could survive in office — unless further evidence of sexual misconduct or damage from other sources, such as the Whitewater report, unstitched the bargain. Hillary Clinton's view on the wisdom of this strategy may be decisive.

However, the President may feel obliged to tell Democrats in Congress that he will not admit to lying under oath. He will stick to the line that he did not have a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky and that he was, as he previously testified, not alone with her because the door to the Oval Office was slightly ajar. This is obviously a nonsensical position, Mr Clinton will effectively be daring Congress to impeach him.

It is a reasonable assumption that congressional Democrats would not be wildly enthusiastic at such a response. They would be forced into a choice between exonerating Mr Clinton or indicating that they would vote to impeach him. The prospect of a Democratic meltdown in the November midterm elections will loom large in their calculation. The Democratic men in grey suits would then need to decide whether to tell the President that they will abandon him unless he either admits perjury or offers his resignation. At that point Mr Clinton will finally have to make the choice he has sought to avoid for so long, between obeying his legal team or his political advisers.



Hatch: offer of deal to Clinton

Panel ready for impeachment war

Clinton's fate is in the hands of a group of divided politicians, writes **Damian Whitworth** in Washington

THE 37 men and women who hold the fate of President Clinton in their hands are preparing for a "war" over whether or not he should be impeached. Members of the House of Representatives Judiciary committee, who are beginning deliberations on whether Kenneth Starr's report contains grounds to begin the process that could culminate in the President's removal from office, have indicated they are ready to fight hard along party lines.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Things look bad for Mr Clinton. The committee is Republican-controlled and Henry Hyde, its chairman and a man respected for his integrity, said after reading the report that he already believed that impeachment hearings should be held. "I must say I do, but I want to hear everyone on the committee," he said.

The committee is composed of 21 Republicans and 16 Democrats. The two sides are known in Washington for being some of the President's harshest critics and most loyal champions. "This one looks like its going to get into a real war," said Melvin Watt, a Democrat from North Carolina who sits on the committee.

The White House must be alarmed that Mr Hyde has made his position clear so quickly. Many of his Republican colleagues on the committee are much more partisan. They include Lindsey Graham, a representative from South Carolina who last year was attempted to oust Newt Gingrich as Speaker for not being conservative enough. Bill McCollum, from Florida, insisted that he had not come to a conclusion yet but said he was "shocked and disgusted" by the report. "This is a very, very serious matter."

Another Republican, Bob Barr from Georgia, has already tried to impeach the President once. He filed a resolution to do so even before Monica Lewinsky had been heard of beccause he said the President had debased his office. "The flames of hedonism, the flames of narcissism, the flames of self-centred morality are licking at the very foundation of our society: the family unit," he said then.

Some of Mr Clinton's Democrat defenders are equally strident on his behalf, led by John Conyers, the ranking Democrat on the committee and the only one of the 37 who was on the panel in 1974 when it investigated Nixon. "If congressmen get impeached for misleading statements or lying, we are done for," he has said.

The Democratic position is that the report is just the case for the prosecution and needs to be thoroughly examined. "We should always remember that this is a prosecutor's report. By its nature it's a one-sided report. None of the witnesses were cross-examined," said Jerrold Nadler, a New York representative. "It has nothing to do with the high crimes and misdemeanours that the constitution requires for an investigation and an impeachment of the president," argued Robert Wexler, of Florida. "This isn't Lyndon Johnson lying about Vietnam. This isn't Ronald Reagan maybe not telling the truth about Iran-Contra. This is Bill Clinton, Monica Lewinsky. Who cares?"

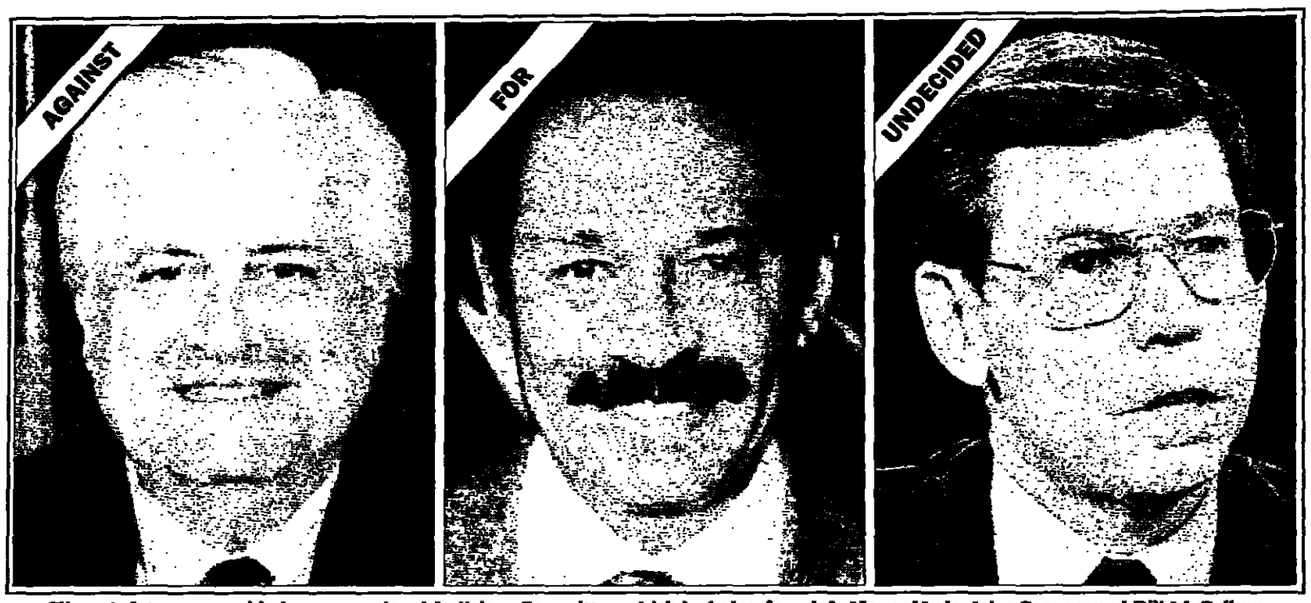
Another great defender of the President is Barney Frank of Massachusetts, who is renowned for a wit as sharp as his intellect. The only openly gay representative, he knows that the scandal need not finish a political career. He was re-elected despite being reprimanded by the House in 1990 when it emerged that a household employee was running a prostitution business out of his apartment.

"Ken Starr has not got enough to get the president, so he's seeking to discredit him," he said. But Mr Frank has also been critical of the President. "He lies by being technically accurate. I wish he would stop it. I wish he would have learned that 'I didn't inhale' is just not worthy of him and everybody sees through it. He's not 14 any more, trying to outsmart the principal."

> "This isn't Lyndon Johnson lying about Vietnam. This is Bill Clinton, Monica Lewinsky. Who cares?"

There are others on both sides whose position is uncertain. Howard Berman the ranking Democrat on the committee, has refused to comment on the report. There has been no comment either from Mary Bono, the only Republican woman on the committee. But Mrs Bono was harsh about the President's conduct before the report was published. "Character does count. I think in the end you're going to see that people do care about that."

The first task of the committee is to decide whether or not to release the 2,000 pages of Grand Jury testimony, including the videotape of Mr Clinton's evidence. A decision will be made by September 29. It is expected that they will hold an initial inquiry to examine the Starr Report and the White House rebuttal. A vote in favour by the committee, and ratification by a majority of the full, Republican-controlled House would lead to public hearings, which would probably be televised.



Clinton's future rests with the congressional Judiciary Committee, which includes, from left, Henry Hyde, John Conyers and Bill McCollum

Blair will stand by a 'friend and ally'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR yesterday delivered his strongest backing for President Clinton since the publication of the Starr report.

The Prime Minister's official spokesman said Mr Blair was not a "fair-weather friend" and he would not "dump people because some report appears on the Internet." He added that an intervention by the Prime Minister in what was a matter for the American Congress and people would be "stupid." Informed government sources said that Mr Blair was determined to remain steadfastly supportive of Mr Clinton, despite calls from some of his backbenchers to distance himself from a damaged President.

Mr Blair spoke to Mr Clinton on Friday soon after the Starr report was released and is likely to brief him over the next few days on the latest G7 efforts to tackle world economic problems. The two leaders will meet in New York next Monday when Mr Blair addresses the United Nations General Assembly.

Mr Blair's spokesman said: "It is absolutely in Britain's national interest that the Prime Minister and the Government have good relations with the most powerful dmeocracy in the world.

"He sees President Clinton as a very good friend and ally to this country, not least for what he has done on several occasions for the Northern Ireland peace process."

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Gore takes supporting role as he confronts fundraising questions

BY IAN BRODIE

AL AND Tipper Gore, the ever-loyal Vice-President and his wife, were at the side of President and Hillary Clinton in New York yesterday, acting as if nothing had changed since their first joyful campaign bus ride together six years ago.

During a day of fundraising, they attended a benefit performance of the Broadway musical, *The Lion King*. Unlike the young cub Simba, Mr Gore makes clear that he does not yearn for the departure of his own lion king. He declared firmly that the Starr report does not contain grounds for impeachment of Mr Clinton, who had accepted responsibility for his actions and was doing a tremendous job as President. "I look forward to continuing to work with him," Mr Gore said.

It was a classic example of the second-in-line as number one ally, and it is what Washington expects of Mr Gore. Yet try as he might to go through the rituals as if nothing were amiss, the Vice-President knows he is suddenly under intense scrutiny.

The Gores are inevitably weighing up the odds of their moving in the weeks or months ahead from the vice-presidential mansion, next to the British Embassy, to the White House two miles away. They may try to stay above the fray, but they are very much a part of it.

As a practical matter, Mr Gore must be hoping that if he does have to assume the presidency it will not be before January 21, when Mr Clinton will have one day less than two years to serve. Under the 22nd amendment of the US Constitution, Mr Gore would be unable to hold more than one four-year term as President if he fills in for Mr Clinton for more than two years. At 50, Mr Gore wants to win two four-year terms in his own right.

It may not be easy. There is no hint of impropriety about the Gores' marriage, but the aura of scandal could hurt them. Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, has opened an investigation that could lead to an investigation by an independent prosecutor into Mr Gore's alleged illegal fundraising during the 1996 election.

He did one amazingly stupid thing in attending a Buddhist temple in Los Angeles where $65,000 (£40,000) was collected in political donations, a practice forbidden on religious premises.

Still, for all his stolid image and often wooden delivery, the popular Mr Gore is fully qualified to be President. As a senator, he became an expert on nuclear arms control and foreign policy. He wrote a thoughtful book on global warming and other environmental threats.

NUMBER ONE ALLIES



Al and Tipper Gore have remained untainted by scandal

The Gore family are Southern gentry from Tennessee. Mr Gore grew up in two contrasting societies: Washington where he went to a private school while his father was in the Senate, and the family farm where he rode a horse and cut the harvest. Before following his father into politics, he went to Harvard, where his room-mate was Tommy Lee Jones, the Hollywood actor, followed by stints in Vietnam and as a journalist.

Mr Gore and Tipper were teenage sweethearts. They have three daughters and a son. She is an accomplished photographer and has campaigned for warning labels on X-rated CDs. Mrs Gore has been portrayed as something of a Hillary clone. It is an unfair comparison. She is not known as scheming and manipulative and is not given to seeing plots behind every pillar.

She has made mental healthcare her cause. Unheralded, unsung and incognito, she tours the streets and back alleys of Washington, providing medicine and other comforts to the homeless. To the consternation of her secret service agents, she recently escorted a babbling woman who insisted she had a message for Mr Clinton to the gates of the White House. The woman gave her message to the guards and went away happy.

Mr Gore has a sense of fun behind his unbending public pose. In a self-parody at a private party, he introduced a life-size cardboard cutout of himself as being less stiff than the real Gore.

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CLINTON SCANDAL

President 'has lost the trust of his people'

America risks remaining mired in controversy, writes **Damian Whitworth**

AN OLD Oxford friend and former member of President Clinton's cabinet has warned him that the only way to save his presidency is to explain fully why he risked everything with Monica Lewinsky and promise the American people that he will not do anything similar again.

Robert Reich became close to Mr Clinton after the President nursed him through terrible seasickness when they were fellow Rhodes scholars and later served as his first Labour Secretary. He said that even if the President survived a congressional impeachment, he would be "virtually" impeached because he would not have the trust of the people and America would remain mired in the controversy.

The former Harvard lecturer, who left Mr Clinton's Administration to return to academia, said that, like many people who had known the President for years, he was "angry and confused" about his behaviour. He said that Mr Clinton had taken a "wild, bizarre risk" in carrying on a relationship with Monica Lewinsky at a time when all public figures were under scrutiny over inappropriate sexual relationships with subordinates.

"You might conclude that something is not quite right with the President. What happens to presidential power when he shows such lack of judgment? Power inevitably subsides." In a brutally frank

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article in *The Wall Street Journal*, he wrote: "The second offence is the public lie — not simply the fact of it (Presidents aren't always honest) but its passionate intensity."

He added: "Like the great method actors of a previous generation, Mr Clinton feels the emotions he expresses: his performances could not be so convincing were they anything but sincere, and yet they are still performances."

Further apologies would not save the President, Mr Reich concluded. "What Mr Clinton must do is explain why he risked evrything and then lied so badly about it, and assure us that he has changed his ways ... lacking trust, Mr Clinton has no presidency to defend, and we have no presidency to lead us."

Mr Reich described the unpleasantness of watching the Monica Lewinsky affair unravel. "Most of us — even including those of us who have campaigned for him in the past, known him for years and served with him in Washington — are angry and confused, not yet willing to choose, not yet searching for another option, wishing that the whole thing would go away. No chance. This will drag on."

Mr Reich said that Mr Clinton's behaviour could be regarded as either a character flaw, if one wanted to blame him, or a compulsion "for those who wish to blame demons in his psyche". He did not say which he adhered to.

He said that Mr Clinton's ability to lie so convincingly sprang from his absolute mastery of television: "Better than any President of the television age, Bill Clinton has mastered television — looking directly into the camera; speaking softly; pausing for reflection; lower lip sometimes protruding in defiance, or folded under upper teeth in a show of determination; sometimes smiling gently, eyes twinkling; sometimes brows furrowed and jaw clenched in a display of conviction; sometimes eyes moist and brows tilted slightly upward, showing empathy or contrition."

Mr Reich asked: "If he can so convincingly fake a lie, how can the public believe anything else he says — including his current stream of apologies. He spoke to America with the same emotional intensity he has brought to countless public issues. What happens to presidential power when credibility is so blatantly forfeited? It inevitably subsides."

The article might be regarded as a classic attempt at "tough love" by a man who first got to know Mr Clinton when they sailed together to England as Rhodes scholars.

Mr Reich, a man of less than 5ft whose growth was stunted by a rare genetic disease, was badly seasick on the voyage. They bonded when Mr Clinton came to his cabin with ginger ale and crackers to cheer him up and have been friends since.

In 1986, Mr Reich wrote in the *American Oxonian*: "Rumour has it that Bill will be the Democratic candidate for President in 1988. I just made up that rumour, but by the time you read this, the rumour will have spread to the ends of the nation."

In 1993 he got the call from the President to be his Labour Secretary. He decided not to stay on for the second term when Mr Clinton was re-elected and took a professorship in economic and social policy at Brandeis university.

☐ **Singapore:** Two influential Asia-Pacific newspapers have called for President Clinton to resign over his affair with Monica Lewinsky. Editorials from Singapore to Seoul said the President had lost the moral authority to govern at a time when the region needed strong leadership to help it to overcome a financial crisis.

"He has humiliated his wife, embarrassed his daughter ... demeaned himself and debased his office. Continuing the fight to stay on will only exacerbate this damage. He should resign," said *The Australian* daily.

Hong Kong's *South China Morning Post*, in a Sunday editorial, also called for Mr Clinton to quit. Most of the region's papers concentrated on the potential political vacuum caused by the scandal and its impact on Asia rather than the salacious details in the Starr report. *(Reuters)*

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NEW YORK POST

Robert Reich, a friend from the President's student days whose advice is a classic example of "tough love"



Bill Clinton as a Rhodes scholar at Oxford in 1968

First Lady works out her anger in the gym

By Ian Brodie

HILLARY CLINTON, still deeply angry over her husband's affair with Monica Lewinsky, is refusing to make a speech sharing her hurt and explicitly forgiving him.

Rather, she is letting him twist slowly in the wind, according to American media reports yesterday.

As a distraction, she is working up a sweat with vigorous workouts in the White House private gym using weights, treadmill, stationary bicycle and Stairmaster. She has decided she can at least be thin if unhappy.

A *Newsweek* poll on whether Americans are willing to support President Clinton indicated that 30 per cent would be more likely to if his wife made a statement forgiving him. For now, though, polls show that the majority

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of people think she has not yet done so. Mrs Clinton has made only one statement on her marital crisis. Issued a month ago, it said she still loved her husband and remained committed to her marriage. On the eve of the Starr report, she said she was proud of his achievements as President. Privately, she still feels betrayed.

The explicit details contained in the Starr report will have added to Mrs Clinton's humiliation, almost certainly giving her a far fuller account of the affair than her husband had done. Mr Starr quotes Mr Clinton as telling Ms Lewinsky that he had "hundreds" of affairs early in his marriage. He had tried to be more faithful since his 40th birthday 12 years ago, but he also suggested he might get divorced after leaving the White House.

Mrs Clinton's only hint of her personal agony came at a small private party. During a conversation about a friend's medical condition she was asked if she had ever undergone a stress test. "I'm having one now," she said, unhappily.

How far can US leader who has sinned push God-fearing public?

By Martin Fletcher

AMERICAN VALUES

THE Lewinsky affair has highlighted a great American conundrum: why does a county so God-fearing and moralistic as America tolerate a President so philandering and mendacious?

George Bernard Shaw once described Britain and America as two countries divided by a common language, but the cultural differences run far deeper than that. America was founded by people of intense religious convictions fleeing persecution at home. It remains the Western world's most devout nation, save possibly for Ireland. It still sees itself as the promised land, the antithesis of the decadent Old World.

It is a land where the biggest and finest new buildings are frequently churches, where polls show at least half the population more inclined to accept the biblical than the scientific version of creation, and where nobody could possibly be elected president who did not at least profess to be a churchgoer.

At any one time there will be three or four televangelists holding forth on the 100-plus cable channels that most American homes receive. Some states put disclaimers in science textbooks that teach the theory of evolution. In the backwoods, where the traits that distinguish Americans from Europeans are most pronounced, it is possible to find itinerant preachers plying their trade in truck stops, people who worship by handling snakes because they take literally a biblical injunction that the faithful "shall take up serpents", and communities that have retreated to mountaintops to await the second coming.

This religiosity is reflected in an intense social conservatism. American politicians, Mr Clinton included, vie to appear the most committed to "family values" — an issue which backfired disastrously on John Major when he tried to import it to Britain. Hundreds of counties across America are still "dry". There are practically no nudist or topless beaches anywhere in the country — even changing on the beach is frowned upon. Idaho's Gem County is admittedly an extreme example: unwed mothers there are still prosecuted for fornication.

Some American newspapers are apologising to readers for printing the graphic sexual details revealed by Mr Starr, the minister's son and Sunday school teacher who has adopted the role of latter-day puritan hunting down the sinful. Middle America should be recoiling in disgust from his tales of Mr Clinton using a cigar for sexual purposes in the hallowed Oval Office, or talking to congressmen by telephone while Ms Lewinsky was performing oral sex, let alone telling lies both under oath and to the nation.

Even in godless, amoral Britain a Prime Minister would have been obliged to resign for doing what Mr Clinton did, and yet the President's opinion poll ratings continue to defy gravity.

There is no single obvious explanation for this paradox.



Some US newspapers apologised for printing details of the sexual encounters involving Monica Lewinsky

The White House believes Americans blame Mr Starr for detailing Mr Clinton's infidelities more than they blame the president for performing them. Mr Starr, who has spent four years and $40 million on a seemingly limitless investigation, is certainly widely seen as part of a long-running conservative plot to destroy a Democratic president.

To a large degree Americans have been drawing a distinction between the man and the president. They knew Mr Clinton was no saint when they re-elected him, but the economy was sizzling and they were happy with his handling of his job. America may also be indulging in a collective act of denial. The president is the only man elected by the entire country. His office is revered. President Nixon's resignation over Watergate caused trauma in a nation that cares deeply about its moral condition, and many Americans are desperate to avoid a repeat.

It is also possible, of course, that Mr Clinton's support will collapse now that America, weary of the endless allegations levelled against Mr Clinton, has at last been presented with well-corroborated facts set out in sober black-and-white. If that happened, he could not survive.

Another profound difference between Britain and America is that MPs consider themselves elected to exercise their judgement, and congressmen as the people's servants and bound to reflect their views. It is therefore in the court of public opinion, not in congressional impeachment hearings, that Mr Clinton's fate will really be decided.

Leadership promise as polls give support

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writer. Her former husband Marc Rich is one of the world's most successful commodity traders.

Later the Clintons and Gores were set to attend a $10,000-a-plate dinner at The Supper Club, a regular venue for cabaret shows, and patronised for its air of old-fashioned indulgence.

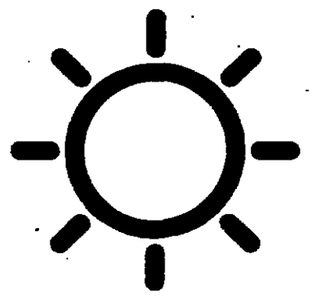
The Clintons and Gores were due to rush through that in order to reach a special performance of the Disney musical *The Lion King*. Mr Clinton, who has been nicknamed "The Lyin' King" in recent headlines, was due to make a final speech before heading back to Washington. The fund-raisers are needed to drum up money for Democratic candidates across the country who are running for the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Yesterday, the first working day after the explosive publication of the Starr report, there were signs that the President was making headway in the pitch for Americans' support.

Despite widespread public distaste for the President's behaviour, opinion polls showed his already high approval ratings rising further, with strong resistance to the suggestion that he should go.

The latest Gallup/CNN/*USA Today* poll showed that 64 per cent thought he was doing a good job, slightly higher than in recent weeks. Crucially for Mr Clinton, Americans do not want him to leave — 66 per cent are opposed to impeachment and 62 per cent to resignation.

His support among women, which has been central to his political rise, appears to be holding strong.



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Dobson bans Viagra prescriptions on NHS

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

DOCTORS have been ordered not to prescribe the anti-impotence drug Viagra on the NHS. Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, said yesterday that Viagra "could prove a serious drain on the NHS" and that if there was a rush on the drug other patients could be denied the treatment they needed.

In a letter to GPs, health authorities and trusts, Mr Dobson said that the ban was an interim measure.

Estimates of the total cost of prescribing Viagra have ranged from as low as £50 million (from the manufacturer, Pfizer) to as high as £1 billion a year. Each pill is expected to cost £4.84, but it is difficult to estimate how many men will want treatment. Viagra is expected to be given its licence in Europe this week, possibly today. GPs will then be able to prescribe it, but only on a private prescription.

The approval follows a three-month period in which supply arrangements and guidelines to control prescriptions were supposed to have been worked out. Mr Dobson's letter makes it clear that, despite the delay since the drug was given the scientific all-clear by the European Medicines Evaluation Agency, the Health Department has been unable to come up with prescription guidelines.

Mr Dobson said yesterday he would seek further expert advice and would have more discussions with Pfizer. "I expect definitive guidance will be issued in the next few weeks," he said. In his letter he said the ban on NHS prescribing did not mean that ministers had already made up their minds about the drug.

Mr Dobson's letter also indicates that ministers have failed to a medical basis for restricting sales and have been forced to acknowledge that Viagra is being banned to save money.

The diamond-shaped blue pill helps seven out of 10 impotent men to have sex, and offers for the first time a simple remedy for an age-old malady. Previous drugs have been more awkward or uncomfortable to use, resulting in a rush for Viagra as soon as it was licensed in the US in March.

Viagra has some side effects, such as headaches, blue-tinted vision, nausea and flushing. It has also been linked to the deaths of 69 men in the US, 46 of which were due to heart trouble. Pfizer insist that GPs are competent to diagnose impotence, while urologists have resisted any suggestions that they be used as "gatekeepers" to control prescriptions of the drug.

Dr Ian Bogle, Chairman of the BMA Council, said he regretted the postponement of a decision on NHS prescriptions because the publicity surrounding the drug had increased expectations. "What is now required is a very clear decision from Ministers based on evidence and professional advice as soon as possible about Viagra's availability on the NHS, as this may have significant workload implications for doctors."

Ann Craig, of the Impotence Association, said it would have been better if the guidelines had been ready for the drug's licensing. "We will be inundated with requests for advice and we shall have to tell men to wait," she said.

"We have already been saying that for months." She hoped that ministers would simply issue a set of management guidelines to GPs on the treatment of impotence. She doubted that as many men would come forward as had been suggested.

"There are a lot of men who are impotent but who aren't that bothered," she said. "There are some who can't take it for medical reasons, and 250,000 on existing treatments with which they are happy. So although there may be a rush to start with, I do not think it will be as great as some have suggested."

The NHS Confederation welcomed the temporary ban. Its chief executive, Stephen Thornton, said that it was a bold step considering all the media hype there has been over this particular drug". He added: "At last we know where we stand."

TALL STORIES AND A FEW HARD FACTS

THE hype over the awaited release of Viagra onto the British market and its success in America have resulted in a flood of stories.

☐ Ronald Virag, a French fertility expert, said his reputation was being ruined by Viagra. He wants the makers to change its name or pay him compensation. Dr Virag said: "I am frequently called Dr Viagra. They should have asked before using the name."

☐ Pills smuggled from America were sold in nightclubs under the name Poke for up to £40 each.

☐ After being introduced in America in April, the pill was credited with reviving the Moonlight Bunnyranch in Nevada where business is booming thanks to Viagra-fuelled older clients.

☐ Ian and Joan Lyon, from Devon, tested the drug after complaining they were not satisfied with love-making sessions lasting "just an hour". Ian, 76, and Joan, 79, said the drug "certainly worked".

☐ The *Playboy* tycoon Hugh Hefner, 72, said: "I heartily endorse it. The truth is it's the greatest recreational drug ever."

☐ Pensioners in Argentina claimed that plans to give them free Viagra was a government plot to kill them.

☐ Airline pilots in New Zealand were banned from taking Viagra because of possible side-effects, including blurred vision.

☐ A French restaurateur, Jean-Louis Galland, was forced to withdraw an "adult menu" featuring Viagra sauce after officials threatened legal action. M Galland said: "We did it to give pleasure to old men and their wives."

☐ Zoologists were investigating the possibility of using Viagra to tempt endangered species to get in the mood for mating.

☐ One American chemist offered Viagra-fuelled holidays in Branson, Missouri, complete with medical check-ups and an optional trip to a performance by the Osmond Brothers.

☐ Elcio Berti, the mayor of Bocaiuva do Sul, a small town in Brazil, handed out free supplies in an effort to increase the dwindling population. Berti allegedly spent £21,000 of his budget on the drug.

☐ A Taiwanese prostitute said that she killed a 70-year-old client because of his excessive sexual demands after taking two tablets.

☐ Four out of eight Viagra pills used as exhibits during a debate of the Israeli parliament's science committee disappeared during the session.

Brittle bone drug may prevent breast cancer

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

A DRUG introduced yesterday will help to protect older women against developing brittle bones and may also reduce the risks of heart disease and breast cancer.

Evista, made by Eli Lilley, gained its licence as a treatment for osteoporosis, the bone-thinning condition often suffered by women after the menopause. But in trials it was also shown to lower cholesterol levels and reduce the incidence of breast cancer in the first two and a half years it is taken.

Evista — the brand name for raloxifene hydrochloride — is the first of a new class of drugs, called selective oestrogen receptor modulators, or SERMs, which mimic the effects of the female hormone oestrogen in some tissues but block its action in others.

Professor David Purdie, of Hull Royal Infirmary, an expert in osteoporosis, said that they can offer women the protective benefits of oestrogen on bone and cholesterol, while blocking oestrogen's negative effects on the breast and uterus. "It is a big step forward" he said.

The evidence is that Evista increases bone density and reduces the incidence of fractures of the spine by 52 per cent in women with osteoporosis.

Side-effects are described by the company as generally mild, and include hot flushes and leg cramps.

The trials also show a 53 per cent reduction in the incidence of breast cancer over 30 months, but this is too short a time to be sure that the effect is permanent. Longer trials are planned to compare Evista with tamoxifen, an established breast cancer drug which some trials have also shown has a preventive effect.

A second trial will assess its the effects on heart disease, based on evidence that Evista cuts the damaging sort of cholesterol by up to 10 per cent. A total of 10,000 women will be given the drug for more than seven years, to see if it can prevent heart attacks and other heart-related deaths.

Linda Edwards, director of the National Osteoporosis Society, said: "Almost 40 per cent of a woman's life is after the menopause."

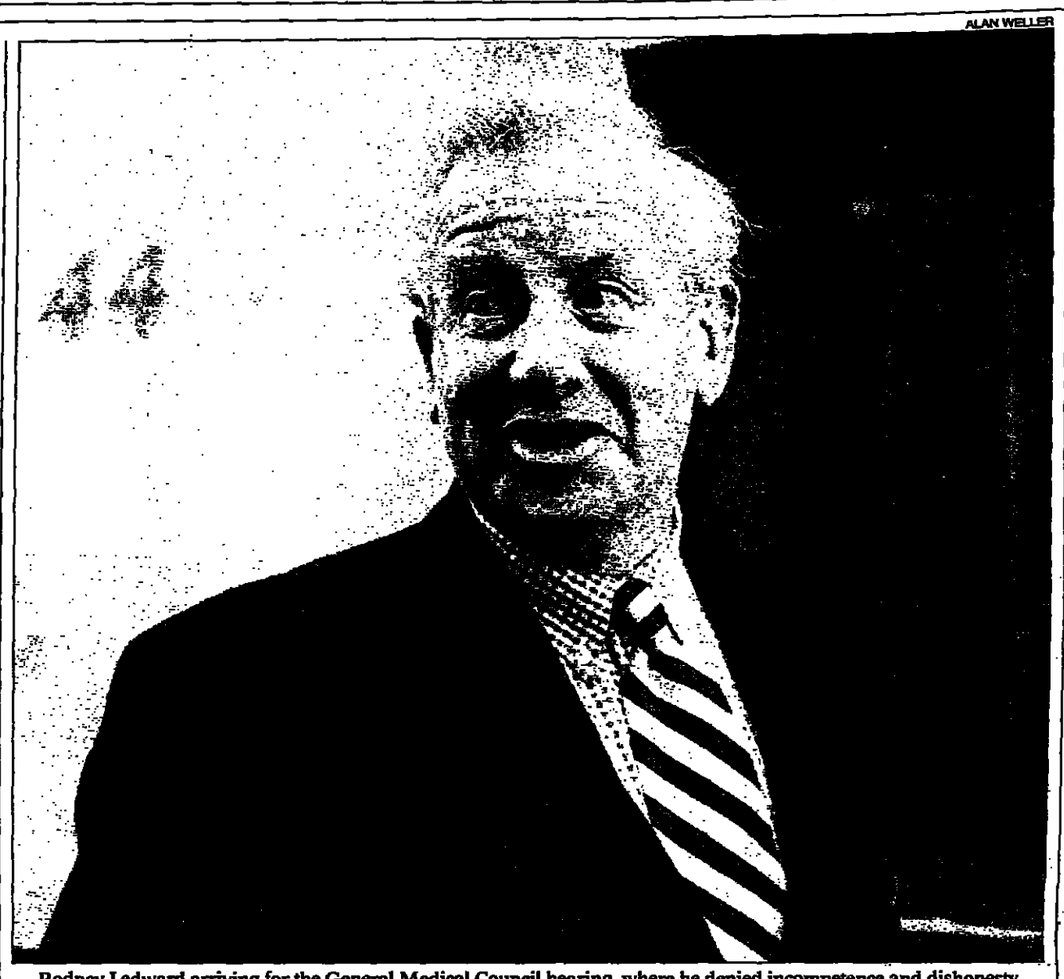
"The NOS welcomes the role of raloxifene in increasing treatment options for post-menopausal women in the prevention of osteoporosis."

☐ Britain's first surrogate grandmother has had one of her breasts removed after a cancer scare she believes may have been caused by her pregnancy. Edith Jones, 52, of Darlington, Durham, gave birth to her granddaughter, Caitlin, after an egg from her daughter Suzanne, which had been fertilised by Suzanne's husband, was implanted in her. The operation came 18 months after Caitlin was born.

Diabetes to rise sharply

Diabetes will increase sharply among adults during the first quarter of the next century, with the biggest rise in developing countries, the UN health agency said yesterday. The increase will result from obesity, unhealthy diets and lack of exercise as well as from people living longer, the World Health Organisation said. Some 228 million adults will suffer from the disease in developing countries by 2025, a 170 per cent rise over the 84 million registered in 1995, the agency predicted.

ALAN WELLER



Rodney Ledward arriving for the General Medical Council hearing, where he denied incompetence and dishonesty

NEWS IN BRIEF

Councillor jailed over false claims

A former councillor who fiddled his expenses and falsified Labour Party accounts was jailed for eight months at Doncaster Crown Court.

Mick Collins, 46, who sat on Labour-run Doncaster council, admitted making four false expenses claims and asked for 18 similar offences to be taken into consideration. The amount of money falsely claimed was almost £2,000. He also admitted four charges of false accounting linked to his former position as treasurer of Adwick Labour Party in Doncaster. He is the fourth serving or former member of the council to be prosecuted.

Five die in crash

Five people, including two children, were killed when a mini-bus taking pupils to a special needs school crashed head on with a lorry on a main road near Arklow, Co Wicklow. One other boy is critical, and another suffered serious injuries.

Murder remand

Alan Hobbs, 31, of no fixed abode, was remanded in custody by Windsor magistrates, accused of the murders of Gillian Harvey, 30, Ian Brown, 36, and Peter Smith, 31, whose bodies were found in Ms Harvey's flat in Slough, Berkshire, on September 3.

Capital record

A record number of people visited London last year. More than 28 million visited the capital, an increase of 10 per cent on 1996 thanks mainly to more domestic visitors. But spending rose only slightly, the London Tourist Board and Convention said.

End of weapon

The machete used by Horrett Campbell to attack children at a teddy bears' picnic at St Luke's Primary School in Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, in July 1996 has been destroyed by police. It was cut into pieces with an oxyacetylene torch and melted down.

Mummy's lads

Young men may boast of their laddish drink and girls life style but a survey reveals that at heart they are really mummy's boys. According to a survey of 600 Cellnet mobile telephone users, mothers top the list of those called each week by the 18-34 age group.

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Doctor removed ovaries 'without patient's consent'

By Deborah Collcutt

A GYNAECOLOGIST was accused yesterday of removing a woman's ovaries without her permission after telling her they were perfectly healthy.

Rodney Ledward, 58, a consultant from Folkestone, Kent, allegedly performed the hysterectomy with such incompetence that two litres of blood had to be removed from the woman's stomach and abdomen because of excessive bleeding.

At a hearing of the General Medical Council, it was claimed that Mr Ledward, who has 33 years' experience, later wrote to her GP stating that the surgery had been "uncomplicated".

Mr Ledward is accused of a range of failings from incompetence to dishonesty concerning 14 patients over seven years at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford, Kent, and private hospitals.

The GMC's professional conduct committee was told that Mr Ledward is also accused of trying to profit from his NHS patients by persuading them to opt for private treatment at the Bupa St Saviour's Hospital in Hythe where he worked part-time.

James Badenoch, QC, for the GMC, outlined four categories: clinical and surgical incompetence, inappropriate delegation to junior doctors, lack of involvement when his patients developed complications and dishonesty in search of personal gain.

The hearing was told that Mr Ledward had informed the hysterectomy patient that her ovaries were still ovulating and healthy five weeks before the operation in November 1992. After the ovaries were removed, she was taken to a post-operative care room where her condition rapidly deteriorated. She lost large amounts of blood through gaps in her stitches.

Mr Badenoch said: "Her condition was approaching haemorrhagic shock. She was obviously losing blood." Senior doctors and administrative staff tried to contact Mr Ledward, who had left for London. A second operation was carried out by Mr Ledward at 11pm the same day — nine hours after the first.

The hearing was told that the gynaecologist, who also worked as an obstetrician, failed to make any mention of the blood loss when he wrote to her GP. Mr Badenoch said: "To describe the operation after this terrible post-operative course of events as 'uncomplicated' was at the very best a serious gloss on the truth, and at worst totally misleading."

Mr Ledward, who qualified in 1965 after training in Liverpool and has held positions at hospitals in Britain and the United States, denies failing to obtain his patient's consent. He also denies causing the bleeding and making misleading statements to her GP.

The hearing continues.

Test can detect early Alzheimer's

By Nigel Hawkes and Anjana Ahuja

A NEW test for Alzheimer's disease can detect those at risk two years before they develop definitive symptoms, Cambridge researchers claim.

The computer-based test could prove useful once effective drugs are available to slow the course of the disease.

At present it would give those about to suffer memory loss an advance warning that might be unwelcome.

The Cantab test takes only a few minutes and uses touchscreen computer tasks that test short-term visual memory to measure cognitive decline.

The test measures the ability to lay down new short-term memories, something that declines in those developing Alzheimer's before symptoms become obvious.

So far 70 people have taken the test which correctly identified all those who developed Alzheimer's. It did, however, pinpoint as likely Alzheimer victims several who did not develop the disease, giving a 12 per cent "false positive" rate.

The test was developed by Professor Barbara Sahakian and Trevor Robbins at Cambridge University. It is being commercialised by a spin-off company, CeNes, which claims it can distinguish Alzheimer's from normal ageing, as well as other forms of dementia and depression.

Trials to validate the test are planned in hospitals in Bath and Edinburgh.

Variations of the Alzheimer's test can be used to assess patients with Parkinson's disease and Huntington's chorea.

Dementia fight, page 15

No-show patients cost NHS £275m

By James Landale, Political Correspondent

THE Government is planning a campaign to encourage patients to turn up for their hospital appointments after it emerged that missed visits are costing the National Health Service more than a quarter of a billion pounds a year.

Patients failed to turn up for 5.5 million appointments out of a total of 40 million between 1996 and 1997, according of figures released by the Department of Health yesterday.

The worst record is in the North Thames region, where more than 14 per cent of patients do not show up for appointments.

The department estimates that each missed outpatient appointment costs the NHS between £20 and £50 in wasted administrative costs, such as sending out new appointment letters, informing GPs and unnecessary ambulance journeys. On average this costs the NHS up to £275 million each year.

Health officials said that part of the problem was caused by poor hospital management. Some adminstrators fail to send out prompting letters or make telephone calls to remind patients to turn up.

Surveys have shown that about a third of people say that they simply forgot they had an appointment. Other patients claim they did not have an appointment and a small minority say they were too ill to attend.

A source close to Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, said that the new NHS charter, to replace the Patient's Charter, would emphasise that although patients had rights, they also had responsibilities towards healthcare workers.

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Cruise Bar's for li

Son's lover 'killed by his father'

Ravine fall saved with a

Claire Cater at home with Jasper

Cruise hires the Bar's top gun for libel trial

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

Frances Gibb on the film star's choice of the lawyer they call gorgeous George

GEORGE CARMAN, QC, may have fallen out of the million-a-year lawyers' club but he has clinched his position as QC of choice for the rich and famous.

The silver-tongued QC, known in the profession as "gorgeous George", has been hired by Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise for a libel action they have lodged against the *Express on Sunday*.

The trial, listed for November, will see both film stars in the witness box in a courtroom encounter likely to match those of Imran Khan and Ian Botham or Richard Branson and GTech in popular appeal.

Cruise and Kidman are suing Express Newspapers over an article in the magazine section on Sunday, October 5, 1997. It concerned the couple's motives for marriage and the adoption of their two children.

Mr Carman was omitted from the latest survey of top-earning QCs, known as the "million-a-year club", the top 15 barristers said by Chambers & Partners new directory of the legal profession to be grossing £1 million a year.

However, the view among some lawyers is that if Mr Carman is not earning a million, he must be very close to it. This year alone he successfully acted for the Barclay brothers in their appeal against a refusal of licence applications, adding an estimated £50 million to the value of the Ritz Hotel.

His fee for that has been estimated at anything up to £500,000, and in the Branson versus G-Tech case he is thought to have earned £250,000. Also this year was the Marks & Spencer win against Granada Television over a programme alleging exploitation of child labour.

But the Kidman/Cruise trial will no longer see Mr Carman pitched against his old adversary, Charles Gray, QC. Mr Gray has just been promoted to the High Court bench.

The trial is set down for a week. In the meantime, Mr Carman is turning his hand to telling business leaders how to "find the truth", with a glimpse into how he approaches cross-examination, detects lies and traps the dishonest. Next month he is advising 300 businessmen on the art of detecting lies and fraud in business at a seminar to be held by the Maxima Group plc, which specialises in prevention, investigation and recovery of losses caused by fraud, negligence or error.

Kidman, 31, and Cruise, 36, and their adopted children Isabella, five, and Connor, three, live in Central London where privacy is easier for them to find than on the other side of the Atlantic.

Kidman is starring to sell-out audiences in *The Blue Room* at the Donmar Warehouse Theatre, London, for which she is earning £250 a week rather than the £5 million she can collect for a film.

The couple recently finished shooting *Eyes Wide Shut* for Stanley Kubrick at Pinewood, in London, a tale of jealousy and sexual obsession. Cruise previously starred in *Top Gun* and *Mission Impossible*.

CHRIS HARRIS



The Prince of Wales at St Mark's Primary School, Brighton. He was shocked at the dearth of books in its library

Prince's plea for estate children

By Alexandra Frean

THE Prince of Wales appealed yesterday to Britain's business leaders to help to regenerate rundown housing estates and improve education opportunities for the children who live on them.

Stealing a march on the Prime Minister, who is today due to unveil a £800 million rescue package for the worst estates, the Prince called on the private sector to take a direct stake in community projects by giving supplies, cash and free professional advice and support.

During a visit to St Mark's Primary School on the Whitehawk estate in Brighton, the Prince said that putting more resources into primary education was the best way of breaking the cycle of poverty and underachievement.

After sitting in on a reading lesson with a class of 10-year-olds, the Prince was shocked to discover that the school's budget was so stretched that there were hardly any books in its library.

Son's lover 'killed by his father'

By Paul Wilkinson

A YOUNG woman was lured to her death on a river towpath by her boyfriend's father on the pretext of sorting out her relationship with his son, it was alleged yesterday.

Unknown to Stephen Hughes, his walk with Rachel Barraclough, 18, across the centre of Wakefield to the bridge over the river Calder was recorded on closed-circuit TV cameras, a jury at Leeds Crown Court was told. The video showed Mr Hughes, 47, and the girl vanish off camera and then him reappear alone almost two hours later.

Miss Barraclough's body was discovered 24 hours later, about 20 minutes' walk from the point where they were last seen. She had died shortly after she went out of view from camera, the court heard. She had been sexually assaulted, stabbed four times and had her throat cut. She had been going out with Mr Hughes' son Carl, 21, for eight months.

Mr Hughes, a former miner from Wakefield who worked as a chef, denies the murder on September 5 last year. He was arrested five days later but refused to discuss whether it was him on the recording, Paul Worsley, QC, for the prosecution, said.

The trial continues.

Murder trial nurse 'was a battered wife'

From David Adams
in Miami

JURY selection was due to begin yesterday in the Florida trial of Helen Cummings, a pregnant British nurse, who is accused of murdering her unfaithful American husband on Valentine's Day.

If found guilty, Mrs Cummings, 33, from Preston, faces a maximum of 30 years in jail but her lawyers will argue that she shot her husband four times as a consequence of battered wives' syndrome and post-natal depression.

Ms Cummings allegedly killed her husband, Tyler Cummings, 30, on February 14 as he lay in bed, moments after she had discovered photographs of him with a naked woman. Days before his death, Mrs Cummings confided to friends that she suspected her husband was having an affair.

According to her lawyers, Mrs Cummings was trapped in an abusive relationship with a husband who threatened her with a gun on more than one occasion and tried to choke her when she said she might leave him.

The couple, married in 1995, also have a one-year-old son who is living with Mrs Cummings's parents in Preston.

LEIGH GREEN



Claire Cater at home with Jasper after his ordeal

Ravine fall baby saved with a smile

By Helen Johnstone

A BABY survived a 300ft plunge down a French ravine in a car after his father, who had parked to take a photograph, saw the vehicle rolling down the slope through the lens of his camera.

Nigel Ryan, 40, watched helplessly as it gathered speed before hurtling down the ravine by the Pont de Terenez, a suspension bridge near Crozon, Brittany.

The graphic designer from Ardingly, West Sussex, clambered down the ravine to find his four-month-old son Jasper smiling at him from his baby seat with nothing more than two scratches to his cheek.

He said yesterday: "I can't put into words what was going through my mind when I saw the car disappear over the edge. One minute I was taking pictures, the next I was running down the ravine after my baby."

Mr Ryan, 40, and his partner, Claire Cater, 35, had stopped to take some holiday snaps at the notorious accident blackspot. Mr Ryan had lined up Ms Cater in the viewfinder only to see his Isuzu Trooper and baby hurtling towards the ravine.

He said locals had dubbed the incident "*le miracle*" because previously no one whose vehicle had gone down the ravine had survived. Jean Pierre Ladec, the mechanic who recovered the car, said: "I have seen lots of accidents at this spot and I can tell you I have never seen anything as miraculous as this."

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Milestone as old foes sit for first Assembly

BY MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

AFTER 76 years of strife, Northern Ireland made a momentous new beginning yesterday when its all-party Assembly met for the first time in the Stormont chamber where Unionists monopolised power until London imposed direct rule in 1972.

Standing where James Craig, the Province's first Prime Minister, once boasted of heading a "Protestant Parliament and a Protestant State", David Trimble, Northern Ireland's new First Minister, hailed a "pluralist parliament for a pluralist people in which all of us work together for the benefit of everyone".

"It's another historic day," Seamus Mallon, the deputy First Minister, said as the Assembly's 108 Unionist, nationalist, loyalist and republican members gathered in the chamber. They sat in a horseshoe shape on blue leather seats, the 58-strong Unionist bloc facing 42 nationalists with eight non-aligned members in between. In a sight unthinkable just a few months ago, Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams amd Martin McGuinness sat directly opposite the Rev Ian Paisley and just a few seats to the right of former loyalist terrorists.

At one point Mr Adams — the only member in shirtsleeves — said he wanted to "make friends" with Dr Paisley. The Democratic Unionist party leader scoffed at the idea, but John Taylor, the Ulster Unionist Party's deputy leader, illustrated the incipient thaw in relations between his party and republicans when he made a joke about the Commonwealth Games gold medal for shooting which Northern Ireland won yesterday.

"I'm glad to see Mr Adams laughing," he said. "It was with legal firearms."

In the canteen old foes jostled for position in the lunch queue, and the DUP's William McCrea was spotted leaning over Mr Adams to collect his cutlery.

The morning's opening session followed a four-minute silence for the victims of the Omagh bomb. There were then disputes over what flag should fly over Stormont, over the use of Irish in the chamber, and the provision of a press bar. Three UUP members elected as independents opposed to the Good Friday accord announced the formation of a new Unionist party, to be called the United Unionist Assembly Party.

But in the afternoon the Assembly turned its attention to the task of how to govern such a deeply-divided province, and a sense of moment returned. Mr Trimble spoke of "embarking on one of the most novel and challenging journeys in the annals of democratic arrangements". He welcomed those crossing the bridge from terror to democracy, but warned Sinn Fein that without IRA disarmament there could be no trust and set no date for the establishment of the new executive.

PAUL McERLANE/REUTERS



Northern Ireland Assembly members meet for the first time at Stormont. David Trimble, the First Minister, called it a "pluralist parliament"

PRISON OFFICERS' PAY-OFF ROW

MO MOWLAM is clashing with the Treasury over redundancy money for prison officers who lose their jobs because of the peace process (James Landale writes). The Northern Ireland Secretary has asked for extra cash to pay for the flood of redundancies expected as a result of the prisoner releases under the Good Friday agreement. But the Treasury is understood to have insisted that the money come from the Northern Ireland Office budgets. Prison Service officials estimate that up to 1,000 officers could lose their jobs over the next two years.

Lawrence father in tears at TUC conference

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE father of the murdered teenager Stephen Lawrence broke down yesterday as he told a hushed TUC Conference that he feared his son's killers would never be imprisoned.

Neville Lawrence, who has waged a long campaign for justice, said: "I don't think anyone is going to be prosecuted or do time for the death of my son and that pains me." Mr Lawrence thanked the union movement for its help when he had few supporters.

Although he said that he was hoping for a miracle, he conceded that the prospects of a conviction had almost vanished. More than 1,300 people at the Blackpool conference gave him a standing ovation.

He said he still thought that Stephen might come home when he heard his doorbell. He added: "When your child goes through the door, sometimes you have to stop your breath and wait for them to come back."

John Edmonds, TUC president, gave Mr Lawrence a £1,000 cheque towards his campaign.

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Man 'gave lover £1.6m because he was desperate'

BY JOANNA BALE

A WOMAN who is being sued by her former lover for the return of £1.6 million told the High Court yesterday that the money was a gift in return for her complying with his abnormal sexual demands.

Jacqui Samuelson, 40, a former dancer with the Royal Ballet who has two children, said that Gary Grande, a millionaire businessman, was impotent and desperate to keep her because she made "special efforts" to satisfy his needs. Mrs Samuelson said: "He is unable to engage in normal sexual intercourse but we slept together in the same bed and I tried to comfort his physical needs. He made suggestions during our relationship that he would like to watch me having sexual relations with other women, but I ignored him in this respect.

"I believe it was because I made special efforts to satisfy him that he was so generous to me, and so desperate to hold on to me, as to give me this money.

"In my judgment, he is a bizarre character who behaves in bizarre ways.

"I believe this accounts for his generosity in making this gift to me, which he has later come to regret once he saw I was moving away from him."

Mr Grande, 58, alleges that the £1.6 million sent to Mrs Samuelson, as the nominal shareholder of one of his companies, was meant for investment. However, he says, she kept it and started diverting it to her own account and to her new lover, her accountant, who has since repaid her. Mr Grande denies claims by Mrs Samuelson that the money transfer was either a gift or part of a tax evasion scheme.

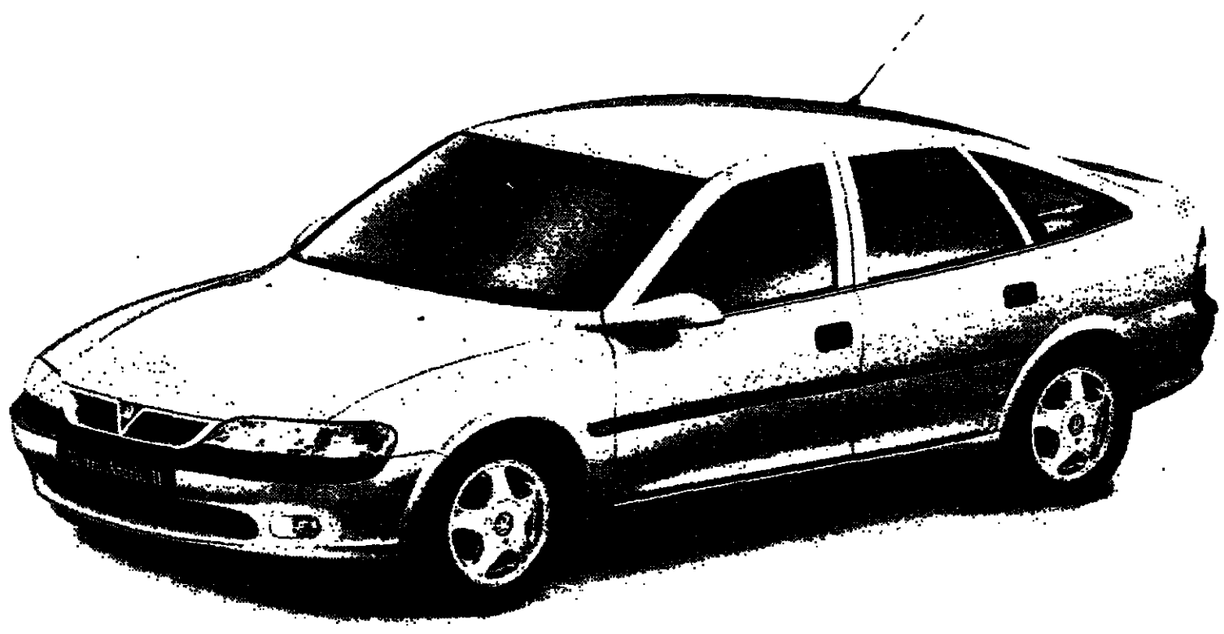
Mrs Samuelson, of Hampstead, said that there had never been any possibility of them getting married. Mr Grande knew she was already married to a homosexual whom she relied on to look after her daughters should anything happen to her.

She said that after a trip to see Mr Grande in the Bahamas, where he was living as a tax exile, she walked out on him after being frightened by his drunken behaviour. She flew to Los Angeles and began an affair with her accountant.

The case continues.

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Heads call for GCSE in leadership skills

Schools put exam success ahead of initiative, writes **John O'Leary**

PRESSURE for good academic results is forcing schools to abandon activities designed to produce important leadership skills, a group of state and independent school head teachers claimed yesterday.

A report sponsored by an expeditions company and backed by the Secondary Heads Association called for a new leadership qualification to be given the same status as a GCSE examination. The group, chaired by Nicholas Bomford, headmaster of Harrow School, said the subject should be included in the review of the national curriculum due to be completed next year.

The 83-page report, which draws on leadership schemes run in schools, says that the "excessive" pressure to shine in examination league tables has damaged extra-curricular activities. Funding shortages have also helped to deny opportunities to pupils.

The ten-strong working party found that many families could not afford the costs associated with the Duke of Edinburgh Award, the best-known leadership training scheme. Many local authorities were closing their outdoor activity centres, which provided an economical alternative for many schools.

Even the Combined Cadet Force, which still thrives in many independent schools, was threatened by successive defence reviews, the report said. Mr Bomford said he hoped that the 300 cadet forces would survive intact but there was little prospect of extending the activity to more schools.

The report, *Developing Leadership in Schools*, says that opportunities for expeditions, projects and field work "have never been greater" for some schools and pupils. It calls for business sponsorship to help young people from poor backgrounds joining expeditions.

However, the authors cite more mundane activities such as becoming a prefect or raising money for charity as valuable contributions to the leadership process. The report calls for Ofsted to include pupils' experience of leadership and development of responsibility in its inspection of schools and for individual successes to be included in a revised National Record of Achievement.

Among the schemes featured by Michael Duffy, the former headmaster who wrote the report, was the award made by the Chase High School, in Malvern, Worcestershire, which requires pupils to master 20 personal skills, from punctuality and a willingness to accept advice to attendance on a residential course and performing in a team, drama production or musical event. Charles Rigby, the chairman of World Challenge Expeditions, which sponsored the report, said: "We believe there is widespread concern about aspects of educational life that are missing. We recognise that there is not a lot of money to spend on education, but we have spent a lot of time investigating how money can be raised."

The report was welcomed by Sandy Adamson, head of the Government's Standards and Effectiveness Unit.

☐ A dozen pupils and teachers on a World Challenge expedition told yesterday how their hotel was reduced to rubble just after they had left it to eat lunch outside. The group, from Trinity School, in Nottingham, survived an earthquake registering 7.1 on the Richter scale, which injured scores of people and saw cliffs collapse into the sea.

The earthquake happened in Canoa, Ecuador, where the school party completed a month-long expedition, mountain-trekking and doing voluntary work in the rain forests. Abigail Daly, 17, said: "We didn't know what was happening because none of us had ever been in an earthquake before. We had all been expecting a bit of danger and excitement but nothing like this."

A spokesman said no one from the expedition was hurt in the earthquake.

Princess's school is open after revamp

THIRTY children who were either excluded or unable to cope with mainstream education yesterday arrived for their first lessons at the revamped former school of Diana, Princess of Wales (writes Victoria Fletcher).

West Heath School in Sevenoaks, Kent, closed last year after running into financial difficulties as pupil numbers dwindled. After an appeal by old girls and local residents it was bought by Mohamed Al Fayed, who said that he wanted to create a "living memorial" to the Princess.

The school has been extensively restored by Mr Al Fayed and transformed from its former status of exclusive independent school. He agreed to an appeal from the nearby Beth Marie Centre for children with behavioural problems to move from its former cramped quarters. Many of the children have been bullied or suffer from depression and eating disorders.

Protesting tunnellers build link to Europe

By Helen Johnstone

BRITAIN'S most successful green protesters are passing on their skills in tunnelling and treehouse-building to their European counterparts at a camp designed to beat the bailiffs.

In return, veterans of Britain's many anti-road protests are learning more about stopping nuclear convoys. The pool of international expertise is being shared at the camp in a forest in Staffordshire where a group of protesters have constructed a tunnel fortress on the proposed route of Britain's first toll motorway.

Protesters, who want to stop construction of the 27-mile Birmingham Northern Relief Road to link the M42 at Coleshill, Warwickshire, and the M6 at Cannock, Staffordshire, claim that bailiffs will face defences that could take them a month to break.

Campaigners from Germany, Poland, France and Sweden hope to learn similar skills to halt developments which they say threaten the environment in their own countries, such as a proposed motorway from Dresden to Prague.

Frank, 20, who arrived from Dresden two weeks ago, said: "Already I have learnt that tunnels are the best form of defence and the British protesters are the best at building them. It has been very good for me to see how difficult the British are making it for the authorities."

STUART CONWAY



Gillian Howard, whose generosity was inspired by Frederick Kempf's playing

Talented young pianist given £74,000 Steinway

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

AN OUTSTANDING young British musician so hard up that he had to sell his own piano has been given a £74,000 Steinway by a benefactor inspired by his playing at this year's Tchaikovsky competition.

Frederick Kempf, 20, is a student at the Royal Academy of Music whose Principal says he is one of the most talented musicians to have studied there. Since he sold his instrument two years ago he has been "struggling to stay afloat" and renting the smallest piano he could find, an upright for £50 a month, he said yesterday.

He was "astounded" by the generosity of his benefactor, Gillian Howard, who was once bought a Steinway by her parents. "Having a Steinway is my dream," he said.

Ms Howard, an employment lawyer who runs her own practice, was unaware of his plight. She made the gift in memory of her parents, Margaret and Alexander Howard. She said that her mother, a physiotherapist who had trained as a barrister, was a wonderful pianist. Her parents died young and she sold the Steinway.

Ms Howard had been inspired by the way that Mr Kempf wowed audiences at the Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow. Although he did not win he was given standing ovations.

Although the chairman of the prize, Tikhon Khrennikov, singled him out for particular praise, he came third after two Moscow-trained Russians. Curtis Price, Principal of the Royal Academy of Music, said that the Tchaikovsky competition had become notorious for its decisions.

However, recording contracts and recital offers have flowed in since then. Among various concerts, Mr Kempf will be performing Chopin, Granados and Liszt at the Wigmore Hall, London, on October 28 — a lunchtime recital that will be broadcast live on Radio 3.

Now Mr Kempf has just one problem — the Steinway does not fit into his tiny flat in West Hampstead, London. "I'm trying to work out where to put it," he said.

ALAN WELLER



Mr Kempf and the rented upright in his flat

One in five cars fails emission tests

By Arthur Leathley
Transport Correspondent

ONE in five cars fails tests for illegal levels of exhaust emissions, it was announced yesterday as a campaign was launched to cut pollution.

In some cases cars that are only three years old do not meet acceptable standards, prompting ministers to ask motorists to voluntarily test their vehicles or risk a £60 fine.

The fining system is being trialled in seven towns and cities across Britain. Local authorities in the pilot areas can impose penalties, using the money to fund the police tests. They must also offer free voluntary tests.

Results from the trials of roadside penalties and voluntary tests are almost identical. Eighteen per cent of cars stopped by police fail the test, and seventeen per cent of vehicles tested voluntarily fall below legal levels.

Cars owned by young drivers are most likely to fail.

The voluntary tests finish next month, and the roadside tests end at the end the year, when ministers will decide whether to extend the schemes nationally.

The *Stop Fuming!* campaign was launched yesterday by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders to encourage drivers to service their vehicles and check exhausts.

Free checks are available in Birmingham, Bristol, Canterbury, Glasgow, Middlesbrough, Swansea and Westminster, Leicester, Nottingham and Derby are also offering free tests, although they are not involved in the roadside test pilot project.



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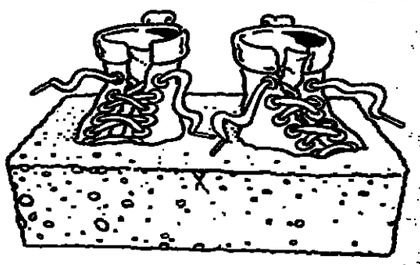
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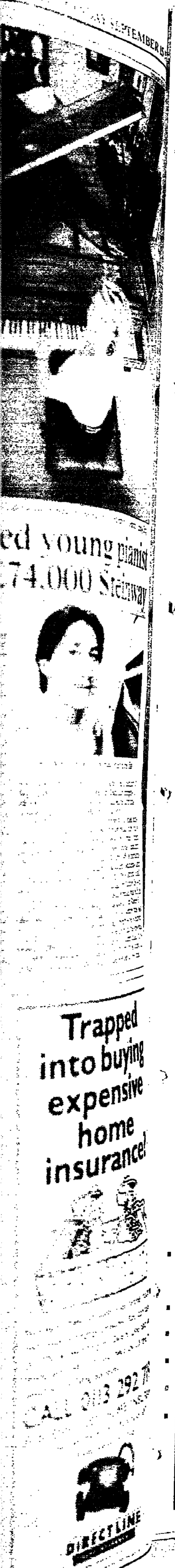
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Hague offers business an e-mail olive branch

By Nicholas Wood

WILLIAM HAGUE will begin his biggest charm offensive this week aimed at wooing back British businessmen to the Tory cause. The party leader is writing to 7,000 captains of industry inviting them to sign up to a two-way computerised link with party headquarters.

He is promising them instant reports on major business issues and inviting them to give their views on Tory attacks on government decisions. According to senior Tory officials, the aim of the e-mail link-up is to reclaim one of the Tory "heartlands" ceded to Labour at the election. The business liaison unit set up by Mr Hague earlier this year has contacts with 900 firms.

By keeping in regular touch with directors and consulting them on their views, Mr Hague hopes to restore the traditional close links with British industry and commerce badly strained under the previous Government. Tory officials said that after Mr Hague's decision to ballot his party on his opposition to a European single currency, they had had more than 100 messages of support from company chiefs. In other cases, instant boardroom feedback on business matters had helped to shape Tory contributions to Commons debates.

In his letter, Mr Hague says that in addition to the regular e-mail bulletins from the business unit, firms will get a monthly summary of the main political developments relevant to the boardroom. Items covered by the service include the Bank of England's decisions on interest rates, the crisis in manufacturing industry and the transport White Paper. Recipients of the free service are being promised that they will be among the first to hear the Tory response to Gordon Brown's next Budget.

Mr Hague will step up his efforts at the Conservative Party conference in Bournemouth next month. He will host a reception for businessmen on the first evening of the conference and working lunches and dinners with senior Shadow Cabinet members are planned for the following days.

The reception is being sponsored by the anti-euro group Business for Sterling — a further sign that Mr Hague regards winning over the business community as critical to his determination to oppose Tony Blair over scrapping the pound.

Tory officials believe that Labour gained significantly at the last general election from the close links with industry and commerce forged in opposition. The spectacle of businessmen and Labour politicians sharing platforms at stage-managed events helped to reassure voters that it was safe to support Mr Blair.

But they believe that since the election Mr Blair and his advisers have been more interested in squeezing money out of their corporate backers than in consulting them. According to weekend reports, Labour stands to make £300,000 at its conference from sponsorship deals and £200-a-ticket dinners.

The Conservatives said that they were keeping separate fundraising and business links. Charles Hendry, the former Tory MP who heads the business liaison unit, said: "We want to involve them [the business community] directly in the rebuilding of the Conservative Party."

Call to replace jury trial for complex fraud

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

THE head of the Serious Fraud Office yesterday called for an end to jury trial in complex frauds and its replacement with a judge and lay assessors. Rosalind Wright said that the criminal justice system was "falling down" in the handful of cases where it had not caught up with the pace of modern commercial life.

"The process of trial by jury has simply become too unwieldy," Ms Wright told the 16th International Symposium on Economic Crime at Jesus College, Cambridge.

She also called for what she described as a kind of "one-stop shopping" in fraud cases in which criminal judges would be given some of the powers of regulators, enabling them to close down fraudulenty run businesses, to make a banning order blacklisting them from all commercial activities and to freeze a company's assets before criminal charges were laid. Ms Wright said that this would end the present duplication in which an offender may be reluctant to plead guilty to criminal charges in case the regulators decide to investigate him again.

The time had come to consider replacing juries in the most complex and lengthy cases. This was not because too many defendants were acquitted. "We have, after all, secured convictions in every trial we have prosecuted in the past two years."

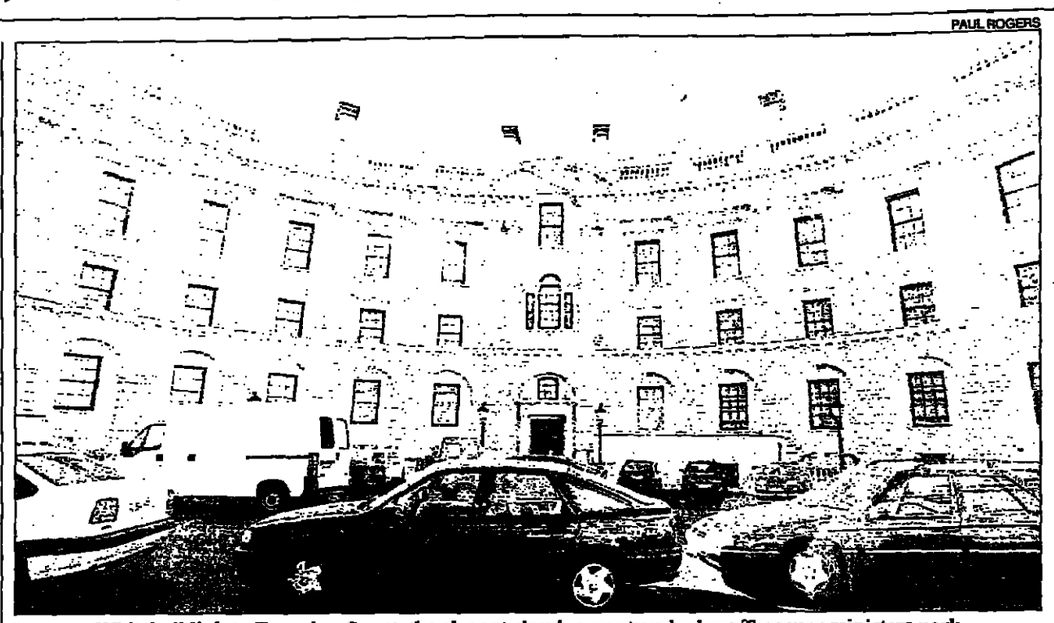
Nor was it because juries were unable to understand complex commercial transactions. But some cases required jurors to demonstrate and understand allegations involving a complex series of transactions which had taken place over a period of months or years. "It is in these cases that I think the criminal justice system is falling down at the moment," she said.

Her comments come as the Home Office analyses responses to a consultation paper which outlines several alternatives to trial by jury in complex fraud cases. Ms Wright said that her own preference was for a judge sitting with specially qualified lay members (but not specialist assessors) drawn from the area that was the subject matter of the case.

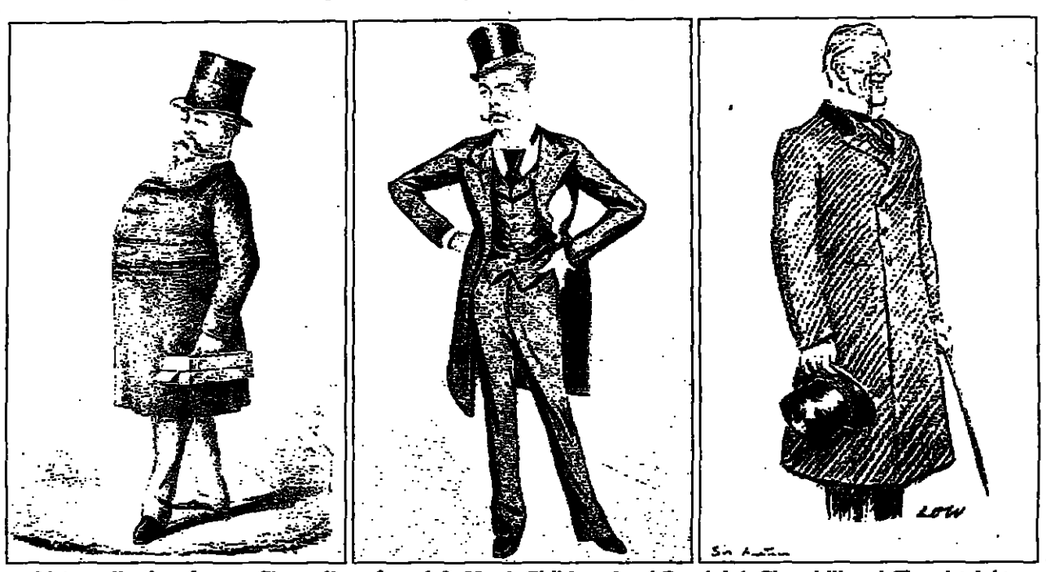
Specialist assessors could function as expert witnesses but their knowledge could not be tested, she said. They might be "continually feeding" the judge (a layman himself so far as commercial or financial knowledge was concerned) market knowledge which was out-of-date. Instead she favoured a "financially or commercially aware lay member", someone with a banking, accountancy or stockbroking background that was relevant to the charges.

She added that it should be for the judge, after hearing from prosecution and defence, to decide whether a case was suitable for jury trial or for the alternative mode of trial she is suggesting.

PAUL ROGERS



Whitehall link to Downing Street: the elegant circular courtyard where Treasury ministers park



Lister collection: former Chancellors, from left, Hugh Childers, Lord Randolph Churchill and Chamberlain

Treasury opens its doors – and art – to public

By Valerie Elliott, Whitehall Editor

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer's private office is to be open to the public for the first time as part of a series of Heritage Open Days.

Visitors will be able to walk through the main entrance on Whitehall and up the stone staircase to the Chancellor's inner sanctum. Armchair economists will even be allowed to sit on Gordon Brown's modern pale pink high-backed chair to mull over the nation's finances.

It is from this long, narrow oak-panelled room with contemporary paintings by Graham Sutherland that the Chancellor has taken key decisions relating to the Budget and the comprehensive spending review.

But visitors looking for the human side of the "Iron Chancellor" will be disappointed, for Mr Brown keeps no personal clutter in the office and has no photograph of his longtime girlfriend, Sarah Macaulay, on display.

There is a firm reminder of his Scottish roots, however, with a painting called *Peebleshire Landscape* by the artist William George Gillies.

Also part of the event will be an exhibition of pictures last shown by the Treasury 50 years ago. Put together by R.A. Lister, a former Librarian of the Board of Trade, the collection of watercolours, engravings and newspaper cuttings has been set up in a grand conference room with a balcony overlooking Whitehall where Winston Churchill addressed the crowds on VE Day. Its historical significance these days is rather lost to Treasury officials today, who in typical bureaucratic fashion refer to it as Room 29.

A centrepiece of the exhibition is a 17th-century oil painting, *Whitehall Palace from the Park*, by Hendrick Danckerts, which has been borrowed from the ante-room outside the main Cabinet Room at Downing Street.

As visitors leave the building they will also be able to walk through the great circular courtyard which links the Treasury via a series of carriage entrances to No 10. This was the route famously used by former Tory Chancellor, Lord Lamont, to escape reporters on the day Britain pulled out of the European Exchange Rate Mechanism.

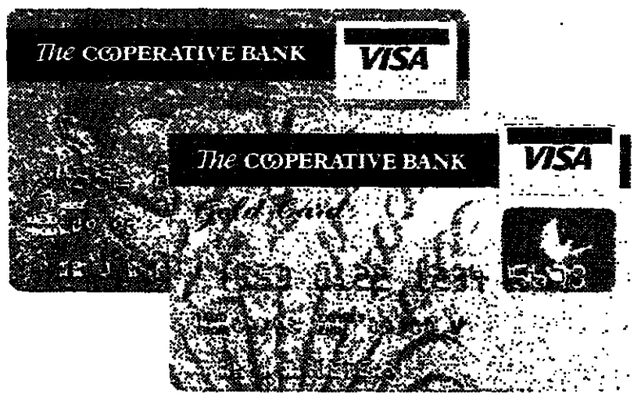
The Treasury tour this weekend is expected to be the first stop on a tour of Whitehall which will also include the Cabinet Office, where the remains of Henry VIII's tennis court will be on display, and the sumptuous state rooms at the Foreign Office.

Last night Mr Brown said the Treasury move was an "important" step. "Many of us who live and work around Whitehall grow to take this part of our heritage almost for granted. It deserves to be recognised and seen more widely for the human perspective it gives to the heart of Government through the centuries," he said.

The Treasury will open on September 19 and 20 from 10am to 5pm.

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Police forces 'may have to lose 5,000 officers'

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

POLICE forces will have to leave thousands of jobs unfilled to meet new budget controls, senior commanders said yesterday.

At least six forces are already drawing up plans to halt recruiting and not replace officers who retire. The Metropolitan Police has cut 400 places in the past year and more economies are predicted. In all up to 5,000 officers could be lost from the total strength of 126,000 in England and Wales within two years.

The situation comes after the Government's comprehensive spending review and the announcement that chief constables will have to show greater efficiency and economies in the next two years or lose agreed budget increases.

The risk of reduced numbers was highlighted yesterday by leaders of the Police Superintendents' Association which is holding its annual national conference in Bristol today. Jack Straw is to speak at the conference tomorrow when its leadership will raise its anxieties with him.

Yesterday Chief Superintendent Peter Gammon, the association president, said that at least six forces — including large urban and smaller rural forces — were considering manpower cuts. He said: "We think the figures could involve thousands: a couple of thousand at least and it could be more."

Mr Gammon said the decision on efficiency was for chief constables but there were other ways of cutting costs apart from simply reducing numbers. He said he did not think the Home Secretary would want to see numbers cut and he would be looking for other ways to achieve savings.

Chief Superintendent Des Parkinson, the association's national secretary, said that forces have not used the case provided to fulfill John Major's pledge several years ago to put 5,000 extra officers on the street. Forces were already starting with a shortfall in numbers before fresh cuts.

The conference will also debate whether new controls should be placed on the police when they use special surveillance equipment. Speakers including John Wadham, the director of the civil rights group Liberty, will address the conference but Mr Gammon said the association did not want to see more restraints.

At the moment the decision is made by senior commanders and can be tested in the courts on a case-by-case basis. If a legal framework with a binding code of practice is introduced police fear that lawyers would look for loopholes to stop evidence getting into court and criminals would avoid justice.

Blair may host G8 crisis talks

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

BRITAIN is likely to host an emergency summit of the world's leading industrial nations to discuss the economic crisis in the Far East and Russia.

Tony Blair, present chairman of the G8 group, is consulting fellow leaders about holding the meeting in London over the next few weeks. Last night Gordon Brown flew to Japan for talks on the Asian financial collapse.

The Chancellor is resisting domestic demands to relax his fight against inflation, while being responsible for co-ordinating action against the threat of global recession.

Mr Blair is expected today to brief President Yeltsin over the telephone on yesterday's talks in London between G8 officials.

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Many MPs want taxes run by EU

By Roland Watson

A SUBSTANTIAL number of Labour MPs believe that Westminster should surrender control over a range of taxes to Brussels.

More than four out of ten think that VAT and company tax should be harmonised across the European Union, according to a survey.

An even greater number, more than 55 per cent, support giving Brussels responsibility for setting environmental taxes and excise duty. Seventeen per cent go the whole way and believe that even personal taxes should be taken away from Westminster and set centrally. However, 37 per cent believe that the disadvantages of EU membership outweigh the benefits.

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Modern show to replace Royal Tournament

THE Royal Tournament is to be axed after 118 years in favour of a more modern display of the work of the Services, because of falling audience figures and rising costs.

Despite having introduced the *Gladiators* television game-show to spice up the traditional programme of marching bands, tri-service spectaculars and the famous field gun competition, the Ministry of Defence has been left with acres of empty seats.

The Royal Tournament will be held for the last time at Earls Court next summer and for the millennium it will be replaced by an event based on a different concept under a new name, likely to be outside at Horse Guards Parade, which will allow for a military flypast.

The future of the tournament will be decided by an MoD management committee on which all three Services will be represented. The Royal Family is also expected to be consulted and the royal patronage continued.

George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, said yesterday: "The Royal Tournament has served us well for a great many years but as we approach the millennium it is timely for us to take a fresh look at this traditional event. This is a new beginning, not an end, of the Royal Tournament and my aim is to make it more relevant and modern, whilst retaining an element of pageantry."

Acres of empty seats prompt updating of 118-year-old event, reports Michael Evans

The Royal Tournament has been criticised for many years for attracting dwindling interest from the public but also because of the increasing pressure on the three Armed Forces, whose manpower has been reduced by 30 per cent since 1990. But despite rumours of its imminent demise in recent years, the Service chiefs were keen to preserve the Royal Tournament in some form, partly because it helped to boost recruiting.

The tri-service show in July 2000 will be a special event for the millennium. If it is successful it will point the way to new format for the future.

The MoD said that it was considering staging a military tattoo and a *son et lumière* event but Earls Court was no longer regarded as a suitable location. One idea is to create a "time tunnel", displaying the past, present and future from a military perspective, a spokesman said. It was likely the new format would be given a different name.

The first show, called the Grand Military Tournament and Assault at Arms, was strictly for the Army and opened on June 22, 1880 at the Agricultural Hall in Islington, North London. It consisted of competitions designed to encourage skill at arms.

In 1882, the first display consisting of a musical ride by the 1st Life Guards, was included in the programme. Two years later Queen Victoria became patron and gave permission for the royal prefix to be added to the title. The Royal Navy first took part in 1897, and in 1906 the tournament moved to Olympia where it continued until 1950, with interruptions during the world wars. The tournament moved to Earls Court in 1950.

This year tournament attracted 201,000 people over the two weeks, compared with 204,000 the previous year. Earls Court seats 18,000 a night.

Hugh Scrimgeour, head of Earls Court Olympia, said: "We have been aware that for several years the Ministry of Defence has been considering the future of this great event due to increasing constraints on service manpower." He planned to make sure that the last tournament next summer would be "the best ever".

KIM KULISH



The cast of *Frasier*: the Seattle sitcom made television history after breaking an Emmy awards record jointly held by *Cheers*

Neurosis is the winning formula

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

A COMEDY about a hopelessly neurotic psychiatrist made television history at the weekend as America's gaudiest medium congratulated itself on its first half century at the fiftieth annual Emmy Awards. *Frasier*, the unlikely hit about two Seattle brothers who are obsessed with the opera and their own self-esteem, won its fifth consecutive Emmy for a comedy series during a marathon awards show.

The *Frasier* award broke a record last equalled by *Cheers*, the seminal sitcom set in a downtown Boston watering hole that spawned the character of Dr Frasier Crane, one of the brothers in *Frasier*. The series also took two major acting prizes, with Kelsey Grammer winning for the third time for his performance in the title role and a stunned David Hyde Pierce chosen as best supporting actor in a comedy. Hearing his name announced, he said, was "like a train wreck".

British stars have featured prominently in past Emmy ceremonies but went home empty-handed on Sunday night. Jane Seymour and Tracey Ullman were among the disappointed nominees; squeezed out by Christine Lahti of *Chicago Hope* in the drama category and a triumphant Helen Hunt in the contest for best lead actress in a comedy. By winning for her role in *Mad About You*, Ms Hunt, who also starred in the film *As Good As It Gets*, became the first actress to win an Emmy and an Oscar in the same year.

It was a night when three pillars of American network television were snubbed — *Seinfeld*, *ER* and *The X-Files* missed out in all the major categories — but television itself was earnestly hailed as a pioneering force for good.

Ellen DeGeneres, whose eponymous sitcom has been cancelled by ABC since its ratings peaked when she and her character came out as lesbians, extolled the medium as "a way to feel represented, to feel validated and say, 'that's me, there's someone else like me out there!'."



Hunt: won an Emmy and an Oscar this year

Hemingway's notes for a Hollywood novel are auction's star lot



Hemingway: accused friends of "selling out"

BY JOHN SHAW

NOTES written by Ernest Hemingway for a book about Hollywood in the 1930s have come to light at a small auction house in West Sussex. The project had a working title of *Hollywood Express* and the unpublished material is contained in a pink folder signed jokingly "Dr Ernest Hemingstein". It includes illustrations believed to be by Martha Gellhorn, one of Hemingway's four wives.

The material was compiled when his friends were, as he put it, "selling out to Hollywood". Most of the pieces relate to stars of the period such as Nelson Eddy, Jeanette MacDonald and Clark Gable. The folder is part of a huge archive of largely unknown and personal letters, photographs and other Hemingway memorabilia, including his typewriter, being sold by Denhams, in Warnham, on September 30.

Hemingway, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1954, shot himself in a fit of depression in 1961. One of his greatest books, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, was inspired by his experiences reporting the Spanish Civil War. He retained a lifelong affection for the country and the items on sale were owned by Ricardo Sicre, a Spanish businessman who had a large international social circle and worked for US intelligence. They are being sold by his son, Jay Sicre, a businessman in Madrid.

Hemingway was known for his macho lifestyle and love of bullfighting. One of the star lots is a silk jacket given to the writer by the matador Manolete, who wore it in the bullring and presented it to Hemingway in 1945 on VE Day.

The collection evokes the hedonism of postwar international café society. There is, for example, a policeman's helmet that was knocked off an officer's head and stolen during drunken horseplay in Gibraltar. It is signed by Maria Callas, Clark Gable, Errol Flynn and Gary Cooper.

High bids are expected for Hemingway's black Remington portable typewriter, stamped with the initials "EH" and used when he was a correspondent during the Second World War. The typewriter was later given to Ava Gardner, who used it to write poetry at the home of Robert Graves in Majorca.

There is also a selection of vintage clothing that Graves gave Ms Gardner to wear in one of her films. It includes a kimono once owned by Lawrence of Arabia and given to Graves by Churchill in 1932.

There is a shotgun that was given as a Christmas present to Ms Gardner when she was filming *Mogambo* with Clark Gable in Kenya in 1952. At the time she was married to Frank Sinatra and there are photographs of the couple in the auction together with one of the actress's black bras in a frame.

The collection includes signed copies of *A Farewell to Arms*, *For Whom the Bell Tolls* and *To Have And Have Not* and a gastronomic guide to France, described in the catalogue as "Martha Gellhorn's bible". It is inscribed and signed "Ritz, Paris, 1945, to Ricardo and Betty. No better hostess could offer more, thank you for having me, good and bad — please give our love to everybody in Madrid. Own times have been so full and fine. With very best wishes, Ernest Hemingway."

There is also a Louis Vuitton document case, the interior of which the Spanish surrealist Salvador Dali painted with an exotic scene during Christmas 1960. It is sold with a certificate of authentication.

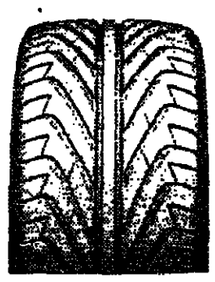
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Primakov pledges to keep reforms



Russia's newly appointed Prime Minister is flexing his muscles, writes **Anna Blundy**

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Yevgeni Primakov in his office in Moscow on his first full day as Russian Prime Minister yesterday. He also presided at the first meeting of his new Cabinet

YEVGENI PRIMAKOV, Russia's new Prime Minister, asserted his new-found authority yesterday, consolidating his Government and telling ministers that Russia's reform programme would go ahead, but its first priority would be the Russian people.

He tried to allay fears about the continuing economic crisis and assured his new Cabinet that their jobs were secure. It was his first day in his new job after the Duma, Russia's communist-dominated lower house of parliament, finally voted him in as Prime Minister on Friday.

In response to his appointment, the rouble perked up to 8.649 to the dollar and Muscovites took to the streets to enjoy the Indian summer. Mr Primakov said the payment of wage arrears and pensions would be his main priority. How he intends to fulfil his promises remains to be seen.

"He doesn't have a dime," one Western economist said. But Mr Primakov has made clear that although reforms would not be stopped dead in their tracks, there would be a change of emphasis in economic policy. The sunnier side of that will be increased efforts to prop up the crumbling welfare state, but however well intentioned that may be, it is likely to result in hyperinflation and the death-knell of the brief economic boom.

Rumours that the Government and the Central Bank have printed four billion roubles to ease the economic crisis have been denied by the men Mr Primakov has placed in senior economic appointments, Yuri Maslyukov, former head of the State Planning Committee in Soviet times, and Viktor Gerashchenko, now head of the Central Bank for the second time in his long career.

The new Government's constant insistance that unpaid wages are its main priority must have allowed pensioners and state employees to bask more happily in the sunshine this weekend, and even Western observers are admitting that there might now be a glimmer of hope for Russia.

One thing worrying the West and many Russian reformers is the number of old-style Communists being appointed to Mr Primakov's Government. Most notable among them are Yuri Zubakov and Robert Markarian, both of whom followed Mr Primakov into the Foreign Intelligence Service and then went with him to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Although Mr Primakov has made a big play of having a free hand to choose his Government, Mr Maslyukov has announced that all the ideas proposed by Viktor Chernomyrdin, Mr Primakov's ousted rival, will in fact be included in the new programme now being formulated. Mr Chernomyrdin himself, seemingly unabashed by his double rejection by the Duma, has announced his intention to run for President in 2000.

Although Mr Primakov appears to have made an authoritative start, he has a tough job ahead of him. If hyperinflation turns out to be the result of his new economic emphasis, the winter could be long and hard.

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Bavaria victory boosts Kohl

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT KOHL, the German Chancellor, said yesterday the tide was turning in his favour and that his Christian Democrat-led Government would be returned to power in a fortnight.

His optimism was the result of a resounding regional election victory by the Christian Social Union, his Bavarian sister party, and a poor result by the Social Democrats. Herr Kohl proclaimed this to be a model for the general election on September 27: "The voters have shown that they reject an alliance between Social Democrats and Greens."

His challenger, Gerhard Schröder, said it was disappointing but not significant because Bavarians were not asked "whether to get rid of a used-up Chancellor who lives in the past". Herr Schröder ascribed the victory to the popularity of Edmund Stoiber, the Bavarian state leader.

Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats still lag between 3 and 6 per cent behind the Social Democrats. His campaign managers have taken a dramatic step: they are trying to brand opposition politicians as terrorist sympathisers.

Last week, French police, acting on a German request, arrested Hans-Joachim Klein, a former accomplice of Carlos the Jackal, in Normandy. Since there has been no secret about his whereabouts for the past 20 years, the arrest is seen as part of the poll campaign, to make a point about the opposition leaders. Joschka Fischer, the Greens' leader, once lent his car to Herr Klein, who used it to transport guns.

Otto Schily, tipped to be Interior Minister in a Schröder government, was defence lawyer for members of the Baader-Meinhoff gang. Herr Schröder, in his early career as a lawyer, defended the terrorist Horst Mahler.

Dirty campaigning may be enough to swing the many undecided voters.



Edmund Stoiber: Bavaria's CSU leader

Picasso painting lost in Swissair jet crash

BY CHRIS BROADHURST

A PICASSO, diamonds and banknotes were lost with the Swissair jet that crashed off Nova Scotia earlier this month.

The Painter, worth about $1.5 million (£890,000), was in a normal freight container and was destroyed, a Swissair spokesman said yesterday. The flight was also carrying nearly 110lb of banknotes. The money was being sent by an American bank to another bank in Switzerland, the airline said.

A quantity of gems and watches were also lost in the crash off the Canadian coast that killed all 229 on board. In the hold was also a "diplomatic consignment" and an unidentified work of art.

The containers holding the valuables have reinforced walls and an aluminium door with a special lock and metal seal, Swissair said. "Containers of this kind are not shockproof and fireproof. It should be assumed that the valuables container did not remain undamaged in the crash." Swissair cargo shipments are normally insured at $20 a kilogram, excluding any policies the shippers of goods take out.

Swissair also confirmed reports on Sunday that the plane was carrying a locked box possibly containing millions of dollars in cash and gold. The airline, which frequently transports money in and out of Geneva, would not reveal the amount on board the flight that crashed on September 2 after a fire on board.

Wayne Noonan, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, refused to say how much money was involved but said the bills were in a safe in the cargo hold. "The money was secured in a fire-and shock-proof container and wrapped in such a manner that it would not [have] floated even if the box busted open," he said.

USS Grapple, a US Navy salvage ship, was preparing yesterday to begin lifting large pieces of the demolished jet from the ocean floor near Peggy's Cove. Its primary targets are five sections of fuselage lying in about 190ft of water.

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Alan Clark, the Tory MP, historian and celebrated diarist, will be speaking on his new book, *The Tories: Conservatives and the Nation State 1922-1997* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20) at a Times/Dillons Forum on Wednesday, September 23,1998.
The forum will be chaired by Peter Stothard, Editor of *The Times*, and there will be an opportunity to put questions to the former Minister.
The forum, the 50th in the Times/Dillons Forum series, will take place at 7.30pm at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1. The admission price of £10 (concessions £7.50 for students, pensioners and the unemployed on production of valid I.D.) includes a reduction of £2 on copies of *The Tories*.

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Mercenaries hijack war in Kashmir

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN URI, WESTERN KASHMIR

FOREIGN Islamic mercenaries have all but hijacked the Muslim uprising in India's Kashmir Valley, their zealotry heightened by the near-conquest of Afghanistan by the extreme Taleban militia. It is a sign that religious fanaticism in Afghanistan is starting to be felt across the region.

One newly-arrived group, Taleban-i-Kashmir, ordered women to start wearing a head-to-toe veil from last Friday. Most Kashmiris ignored it, but the instruction has raised fears that Taleban's influence could threaten the tolerant Sufi traditions of the valley. Taleban-i-Kashmir has already made clear its disapproval of the Sufi tradition of using idols in worship.

India, understood to have 250,000 troops in Kashmir, is capable of repelling any direct assault by Taleban. Direct confrontation is unlikely, but Taleban will have direct access to the Pakistani side of the former princely state of Kashmir, with which it shares a short border, if it captures the northeastern corner of Afghanistan — one of the few regions outside its control.

It would then be a clear journey to the Indian border in Kashmir, much of it through tribal areas that are effectively outside the jurisdiction of the Pakistan Government. Farooq Abdullah, Chief Minister of Kashmir, India's only Muslim-majority state, has issued warnings about the possible spread of Taleban's influence.

There is no longer an effective Kashmiri guerrilla group left in the valley. Foreign Islamic mercenaries are firmly in control of an uprising that began in 1989 as a local rebellion against perceived religious discrimination.

Most senior state government positions were held by Hindus and decades of corruption left the state poor. Almost all elections were rigged to ensure a pro-India result.

Pakistan's influence in spreading Islamic extremism in Kashmir is pivotal. Jamaat-i-Islami, the biggest fundamentalist group in Pakistan, privately admits to training Kashmiris, Pakistanis and Afghans for guerrilla warfare in the region. Harkat-ul-Mujahidin, which operates openly in Pakistan and is active in Kashmir, had its guerilla training camp destroyed when America bombed its base in Khost, Afghanistan, last month.

Foreign Islamic mercenaries are well equipped and receive substantial pay for what are sometimes two-year contracts. A small group of Pakistani mercenaries was captured recently — the first foreigners to have given up without a fight to the death. Senior army officers say foreign mercenaries fight to the end, aware that they will die in custody anyway. A number of Afghan mercenaries have been killed in Kashmir: other killed fighters have come from Sudan, Yemen, Saudi Arabia and beyond.

Hindus have been massacred in recent months in Kashmir, in an attempt to inflame religious conflict, almost certainly by foreign mercenaries. Militancy has moved from its focus in the Kashmir Valley to areas with a small army presence, particularly in the largely Hindu region of Jammu.

☐ **Islamabad:** The Taleban has deployed 25,000 troops along the border with Iran, a spokesman said in the Pakistan capital yesterday.

The news came as Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, warned Taleban and Pakistan that their actions in Afghanistan could provoke a conflict. Tehran has 70,000 troops along the frontier. He said: "I have . . . so far prevented the lighting of a fire which would be hard to extinguish."

The Taleban, which on Sunday seized Bamiyan, a centre of the Iran-backed Shia opposition, killed Iranian envoys after taking Mazar-i-Sharif. Iran has urged the United Nations to prevent a tragedy in Bamiyan. (*Reuters*)

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Kim Beazley, the Labor leader, eating a mango on the campaign trail yesterday

Labor entices voters with republic pledge

FROM DAVID WATTS IN SYDNEY

IN AN attempt to ignite its election campaign, the Australian Labor Party has offered voters a fast track to a republic. Kim Beazley, its leader, said Australians would be able to watch one of their own citizens open the Olympic Games in the year 2000 if they voted Labor into power.

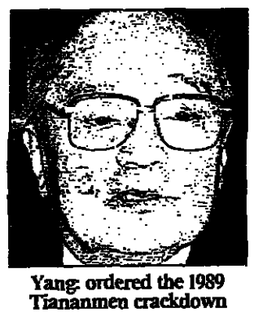
Mr Beazley, speaking in a televised debate with John Howard, the Prime Minister, did not elaborate on how it would be possible to make the necessary constitutional changes. After the constitutional convention's vote for a republic earlier this year most Australians seem content to let things ride until next year's referendum on the form of a republic.

Mr Beazley took many by surprise, including apparently Mr Howard who did not respond to the Labor carrot.

Labor certainly needs carrots to entice the voters — opinion polls seem to indicate no great impact by a leader who is trying to lift his party's fortunes by personality alone. His warmth and blokishness contrast with Mr Howard who always manages to look like a bemused chief accountant who finds himself running the company. Both spend much time talking about tax and claim they will have nothing to do with the One Nation party of Pauline Hanson.

The centrepiece of Mr Howard's campaign is a VAT-type tax to pay for a range of reforms of funding at the state and federal level. He says he will lighten the tax burden on business and make Australia competitive. Mr Beazley says the tax is a smokescreen for big tax rises and a shifting of responsibilities from federal to state governments.

Tiananmen hardliner dies at 92



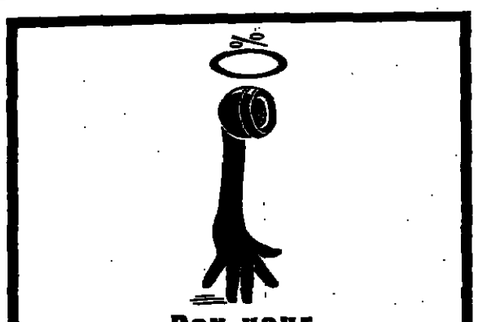
Yang: ordered the 1989 Tiananmen crackdown

Beijing: China's former hardline President, Yang Shangkun, who in 1989 gave the order to crush the pro-democracy movement in Tiananmen Square, died yesterday aged 92 (Owen Brown writes).

An obituary by the Chinese leadership described the former military chief and veteran of the Communist Party's Long March as a "great proletarian revolutionary, statesman, and military strategist".

As the second most powerful man in China, Mr Yang was pivotal in rallying hardliners behind then paramount leader Deng Xiaoping to order a brutal end to protests in Beijing in 1989. His death from illness was announced as the lead item in the national 7pm television news.

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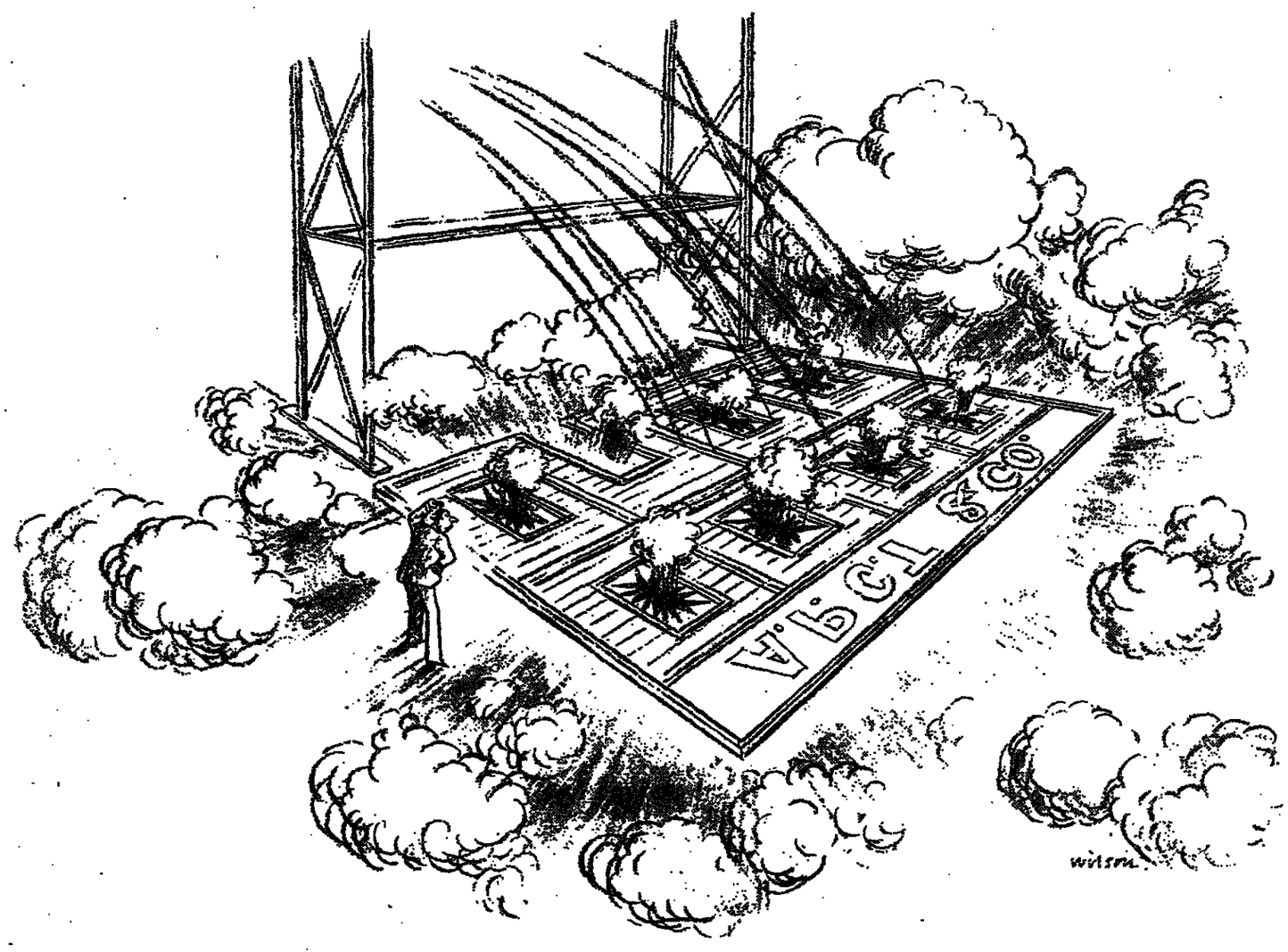
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Supporters of Sali Berisha, the former President, aim an anti-tank gun at a government building in Tirana yesterday

Berisha supporters bring Tirana to brink of chaos

Prime Minister tries to restore order as anger spreads after opposition leader's funeral, writes **Anthony Loyd**

FIGHTING erupted in the Albanian capital yesterday, leaving the centre in chaos as supporters of Sali Berisha, the former President, clashed through the day with forces loyal to Fatos Nano, the Socialist Prime Minister.

The violence, which claimed three lives, began after several thousand people gathered for the funeral of Azem Hajdari, a founder member of Dr Berisha's Democratic Party who was killed with his bodyguard in what appears to have been a contract killing two days ago. A mob, carrying the coffins on their shoulders, swept out of Skanderbeg Square and up the Boulevard of Martyrs, where they began to stone the Prime Minister's office.

Perikli Teta, the Interior Minister, said later that police would "fire without warning at armed bandits" who continued to attack government buildings.

As the mob tried to break in, police retaliated, firing from inside the building. The hail of Kalashnikov and pistol fire ignited running gunbattles throughout the city.

The attack initially repulsed, Mr Nano, who on Sunday was given a 24-hour ultimatum by Dr Berisha to resign, attempted to restore order. Ben Blushi, his spokesman, said the Prime Minister had no intention of stepping down, but appealed for international help to prevent a return to the almost uncontrollable anarchy witnessed last year. Mr Nano's future remained distinctly uncertain, however: the pro-Berisha rebels skirmished outside the television station before sending staff fleeing with a volley of gunshots.

"We have taken over," an unidentified man told the nation. Dr Berisha himself then appeared, appealing for calm, a political solution to the crisis and a day of peace in honour of Mr Hajdari, his closest friend in politics. Speaking to the thousands that milled around the funeral cortège, he blamed Mr Nano for the death of "the hero", whose anti-Communist student protests early in the decade helped to propel Mr Berisha to power.

BRITAIN yesterday made clear that it is "gravely concerned" about the outbreak of violence in Albania after the murder on Saturday of Azem Hajdari, a prominent opposition figure. Tony Lloyd, a Foreign Office Minister, said in a statement that Britain also feared the danger of "repercussions elsewhere in the region". (AFP)

The crowd chanted anti-Nano slogans, and also sang "UCK, UCK", in praise of the Albanian rebels in neighbouring Kosovo, with whom Dr Berisha appears to have uncomfortable connections.

Tanks and armoured personnel carriers moved into Skenderbeg Square, but seemed reluctant to control the mob. One tank at least was mobbed by Berisha's gunmen and parked outside the Palace of Culture. There were reports of at least three other tanks taken by the protesters.

As the unrest spread, the Hotel Tirana International at one end of the square sealed its entrances. Young men were breaking into shops, which had closed for Hajdari's funeral. Local radio stations reported that "civilian patrols" were taking up positions near banks and other government facilities to protect them from looters.

The peripheral streets were largely deserted. In the early evening, the Berisha mob clung grimly to their tank, while Mr Nano's black-shirted police raced around attempting to seal arterial roads. Some drove in convoys up and down the Boulevard of Martyrs, firing overhead towards the television centre, from where Berisha loyalists peppered the passing security forces.

I saw one group of armed men standing on the debris littering the pavements outside the Prime Minister's office, firing repeatedly into a car at point blank range. The vehicle's passenger scrambled out, hands raised, and began to stumble away backwards. I do not know the fate of the driver.

"Welcome to Albanian hospitality," said the receptionist in the empty foyer of the Hotel Rogner, a hundred yards from the action.

HEKTOR PUSTINA / AP



Protesters march on the city centre with a captured tank. There were reports of looting and the police tried to seal off arterial roads leading to the capital

Fearless darling of the Right

PROFILE

BY JAMES PETTIFER

AZEM HAJDARI was the darling of the Albanian Right; hard, cheerful and a brilliant agitator who led the Tirana students in the uprising against the country's Communist rulers in 1990.

Like Sali Berisha, the former President, Hajdari was from Tropoja in the far north, and anathema to the former Communists around Fatos Nano, the Prime Minister. The perfect street orator, Hajdari said what Dr Berisha did not wish to say. He was a candidate for leader of the Democrats in 1991, but an American-engineered coup in the party brought Dr Berisha to power instead.

Hajdari knew he was living on borrowed time after surviving an assassination attempt in parliament last summer. His funeral will mark the end of any possibility of parliamentary opposition functioning in the capital and there is a real risk of a return to last year's anarchy.

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Pierre Cardin plans new lighthouse for Alexandria

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

PIERRE CARDIN, the French fashion magnate, has won approval from the Egyptian Government for a project to build a multicoloured lighthouse at Alexandria, more than 600 years after the original tower crashed into the Mediterranean during an earthquake.

M Cardin, 76, a peace ambassador for Unesco, the United Nations scientific and cultural body, and head of the fashion, food and cosmetics empire that bears his name, is behind the project, which is backed by the Council of Europe, Unesco and various French companies. A 4ft model of the planned lighthouse was unveiled at the World Fair in Lisbon last week.

The original Alexandria lighthouse, the seventh wonder of the world, was built in about 281 BC overlooking the bay. It collapsed in 1349, after two earthquakes, and no trace of it has been recovered.

The new lighthouse, which has been designed by Jacques Darolles, a French lighting engineer, will be made out of a special concrete designed to withstand earth tremors and tidal waves and will stand on a jetty extending 450ft into the bay. The 435ft tower will be covered in mirrored glass more than an inch thick and its fluorescent lights will be visible from 34 miles out at sea, according to the designer's plan.

After months of negotiations, the project was approved by the Governor of Alexandria two weeks ago, and a site without archaeological remains was earmarked near the site of the original tower.

M Cardin, who has become a roving ambassador for the project, is confident that the Fr300 million (£30 million) needed to build the lighthouse will be raised from international donors. Financing will be co-ordinated by the Pierre Cardin International Foundation for Culture and Peace.

"Everyone concerned with peace around the world will be able to take part in the subscription by buying shares at $30 [£18] each," M Cardin said. "It's a project that makes people dream about the past and the future." The tower, expected to be finished by June 2000, will "symbolise the start of the third millennium just as the Eiffel Tower symbolises the beginnning of the 20th century."

M Darolles, who is also director of the National Centre for Art and Technology at Reims, intends to install more than 16,000 computer-controlled lights the length of the structure, which will light up the concrete obelisk in blue, red, green and pink.

Laser-beams will sweep around from the sea to illuminate Alexandria's monuments, while the outside of the tower will be inscribed with lettering in Greek, Latin and Arabic, as well as Egyptian hieroglyphics to reflect the "four civilisations that contributed their riches to this city".

"The column is a gift to Egypt, which gave us the obelisk standing in the Place de la Concorde," M Darolles said. "The glass covering will give the appearance of a mirror during the day and of a needle of light when night falls."



Cardin with a model of the 435ft tower which is to be built at Alexandria

Public Notice

THE INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CARE OF CHILDREN RECEIVING COMPLEX HEART SURGERY AT THE BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY

The Secretary of State for Health, Frank Dobson, has appointed *Professor Ian Kennedy, Professor of Health Law, Ethics and Policy at the University College, London*, to conduct an Inquiry under Section 84 of the National Health Service Act 1977.

Professor Kennedy's terms of reference are: "To inquire into the management of the care of children receiving complex cardiac surgical services at the Bristol Royal Infirmary between 1984 and 1995 and relevant related issues; to make findings as to the adequacy of the services provided; to establish what action was taken both within and outside the hospital to deal with concerns raised about the surgery and to identify any failure to take appropriate action promptly; to reach conclusions from these events and to make recommendations which could help to secure high quality care across the NHS."

Professor Kennedy will hold a preliminary hearing at 10.30am on Tuesday, October 27, 1998 in the Conference Hall at Bristol City Council, The Council House, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TR.

The purposes of this preliminary hearing will be:

(a) to explain the purpose of the Inquiry;

(b) to explain its procedure; and

(c) to consider applications to be legally represented at the Inquiry at public cost.

Anyone who has an interest in any matter within the terms of reference of the Inquiry is invited to attend the preliminary meeting at 10.30am on Tuesday, October 27, at Bristol City Council's Conference Hall. The hearing will be restricted to the purposes set out above.

Full public hearings, to be held in both Bristol and London, will start as early as possible in 1999.

General questions about the Inquiry can be addressed to the Secretary, Una O'Brien, Bristol Royal Infirmary Inquiry, Room 1G07, Wellington House, 135-155 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UG; fax: 0171 972 4602; e-mail: inquiry@doh.gov.uk

Anyone proposing to make a submission about legal costs is requested to notify the Secretary in writing in advance.

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Test that predicts who will suffer dementia

Anjana Ahuja reports on a dramatic development in predicting Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's disease is a wily and pernicious stalker. As our serialisation this week of John Bayley's memoir of Iris Murdoch shows, by the time sufferers have a definite diagnosis, the disease has obliterated many faculties and snatched away their sense of self.

A cure for this distressing dementia, which affects 400,000 people in Britain and accounts for 55 per cent of all dementia cases, is not imminent, despite all the headlines about breakthroughs. The disease is thought to be caused by the formation of protein plaques on brain tissue, but science has yet to come up with anything that can reverse the process.

This is why the thrust of drug development is slowly shifting. Companies are focusing less on developing cures and more on formulating "neuroprotectives". These drugs, such as Aricept and Exelon, act to preserve the levels of acetylcholine, a brain chemical involved in the communication between neurons, and in which Alzheimer's sufferers are deficient.

These medications stave off cognitive decline for a number of months. However, they can revolutionise the treatment of Alzheimer's only if doctors can spot it early enough to allow most of the brain to be preserved.

An ingenious touchscreen computer test developed by scientists in Cambridge promises to bring that possibility much closer. Researchers at CeNeS, a spin-off pharmaceutical company from Cambridge University, have devised a series of simple computer tests that can spot the mental decline unique to Alzheimer's. They estimate it can accurately identify those at risk up to two years before they develop the symptoms needed for a certain diagnosis. In the field of dementia, where buying time means buying a better quality of life, it is a breathtaking achievement.

The company is refining the tests for widespread use, but stops short of calling the test a diagnostic. It prefers to label it a "very promising predictor". However, the company admits the test is "the first sensitive enough to distinguish the early stages of AD from normal ageing, as well as from other forms of dementia and depression."

> 'It took me four sessions before I got the test right'

Dr Joanna Iddon, senior neuropsychologist in the cognition division, says her colleagues are "very excited about it".

The Cantab (Cambridge Neuropsychological Test Automated Battery) test for Alzheimer's disease takes barely a few minutes, and all the input information it needs is the age, sex and IQ of the patient. The scores are then checked against a database of healthy and affected people. This comparison generates a percentage probability that the patient will develop Alzheimer's.

Among other effects, the disease causes impairment to visual memory and spatial working memory. So these are the kinds of tasks given in the test.

One task involves looking at a number of squares arranged in a circle, with an abstract pattern set in each. Squares and patterns flash up in turn, for a couple of seconds. Moments later, when faced with a pattern, the subject must touch the square in which it appeared. I found the tasks with four squares, and then six squares easy to accomplish. I became alarmed, however, when it came to memorising the patterns in eight squares. It took me four learning sessions before I got the task right. I need not have worried — the fact that I managed it at all suggested my mental inadequacies were due to normal ageing rather than disease.

Dr Iddon says: "A person in the early stages of Alzheimer's might fail at three patterns. They would definitely fail at six. The problem lies in laying down new memories, so even if they see the symbols ten times, people with Alzheimer's can't learn them. However, if shown them enough times, a healthy person would be able to do eight patterns. You wouldn't have to be young or clever."

Another task entails looking at a bunch of squares to see if any contain tokens. Each time a patient finds a token, they are not allowed to return to the square in which it resides. The idea is to see whether people eventually hit on a strategy for solving the problem — people with Alzheimer's find it almost impossible to devise such techniques.

The Cantab test, still being worked on, has been tried out on 70 people. It is, in the jargon, "100 per cent sensitive and 88 per cent specific". This means it correctly identified all those who went on to develop dementia, but 12 per cent were false positives.

"It shows that nobody is slipping through the net," Dr Iddon says. "That's exciting but more tests are needed."

Clinical trials are being set up at hospitals in Bath and Edinburgh to validate the findings. The objective is to devise a test that gives a reliable probability that someone will develop the disease. A person whose probability exceeds 50 per cent will then be referred automatically to a specialist.

The crucial thing about the Cantab test is that it appears to be able to show whether increased forgetfulness and cognitive decline is caused by normal ageing or dementia. At the moment, doctors usually need other pointers to decide whether a patient ought to be investigated.

However, by the time more serious symptoms appear — such as severe memory loss, disorientation, concentration problems, language impairment and personality changes — a person's quality of life has diminished so much that protective drugs seem worthless.

The Cantab test has another important clinical application: it can distinguish between Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia and brain disease.

Dr Iddon says: "There is an apathy associated with Alzheimer's that can easily be confused with depression that many people experience in mid-life."

"But it is possible to tell the conditions apart by looking at, for example, the time taken to match each pattern. A person who is depressed is more likely to have a continual run of failures. They think they are so useless it isn't even worth trying."

The tests can also pick out people suffering from normal pressure hydrocephalus, a condition that causes potentially

> 'This technique can also detect other fatal diseases'

fatal build-up of fluid on the brain.

Dr Iddon adds: "It looks like Alzheimer's but it is treatable. It's important to diagnose it because if the fluid isn't removed, the person can easily die within two years." Amazingly, it appears that Cantab can reveal this rare disease even before it appears on brain scans.

As well as hospitals and doctors' surgeries, pharmaceutical companies are likely to be customers. Dr Iddon explains: "In drug trials at present, some people who are taking the drugs do not have Alzheimer's. They skew the results and can make drugs look more effective than they really are.

"If companies could screen volunteers and monitor who participates in these trials, we would see cleaner groups of people and we would possibly get drugs that are more likely to work.

"The problem is that the tests used to gauge if patients using new drugs are improving are only useful for people in the advanced stages of the disease. Moreover, because of its accuracy, the Cantab test means you can use fewer people in drug trials. Where ADAS-COG [another cognition test currently in use] requires 200 people, Cantab can do the job with only 30 people. That means companies can run cheaper trials.

"We have drugs now that are aimed at patients with Alzheimer's. These may get rid of the apathy and the patients might improve a bit, but they don't really do much.

"If we could get patients a couple of years earlier, when the condition is mild, and administer protective treatment, they could at least maintain a good quality of life for a while. Who knows, we might even be able to stop the progress of the disease eventually. I certainly think it's a possibility in five or ten years' time."

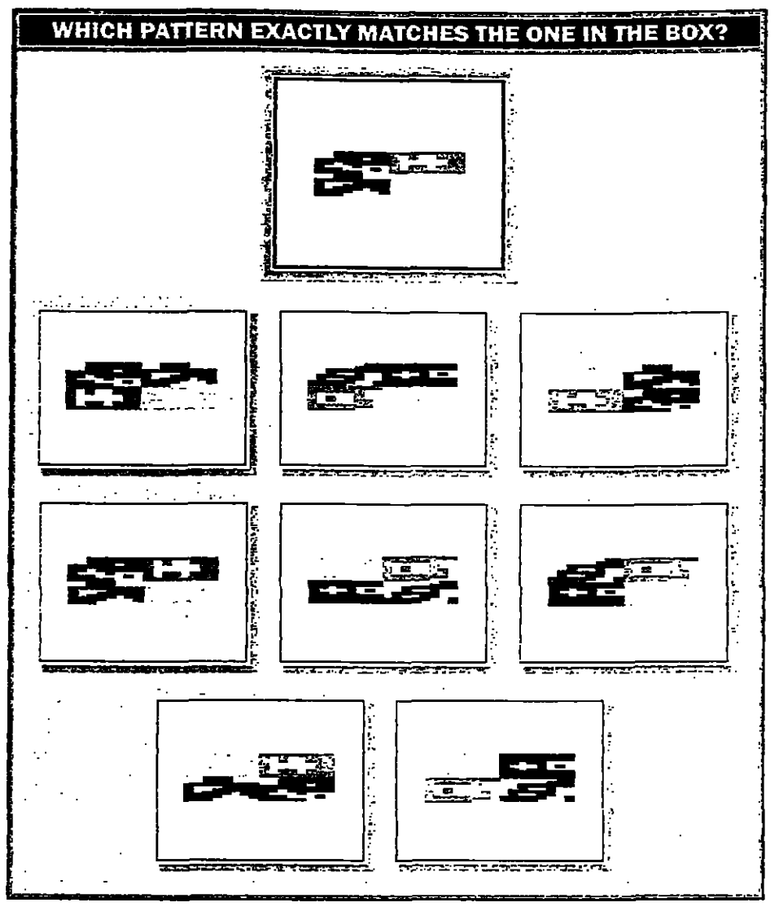
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Dr Joanna Iddon believes that Alzheimer symptoms should be caught as early as possible



DECAY OF VISUAL MEMORY IS A KEY TEST

MANY of the tasks featured in the Cantab test for Alzheimer's involve pattern matching. In the diagram above, look at the top pattern for no more than two seconds. Then glance at the others and decide which matches the centre pattern (answer at the bottom).

This particular exercise focuses on visual memory, which suffers as Alzheimer's runs its course. The patterns are deliberately designed to be extremely complex.

"It isn't very easy to give them a description, so that means you have to memorise them," says Dr Joanna Iddon, who is helping to refine the tests for widespread use. "That makes the tasks harder to do." The use of pictures means that the Cantab test, which takes about ten minutes, is not specific to language or culture, and so could be employed worldwide.

A computer readout gives an instant analysis of performance, compared against a database of people with and without Alzheimer's. This is translated into what probability there is that the patient will develop the disease.

Those found to be at more than a 50 per cent risk would be referred for further investigation. The tests can be modified to assess patients for Parkinson's disease and Huntington's chorea. *(Answer: centre row, far left)*

How the disease is diagnosed

THE criteria for clinical diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease (AD), a condition affecting up to 20 million people worldwide, is set by the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke, and the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association (NINCDS-ADRDA).

A definitive diagnosis can only be made by looking at both symptoms and brain tissue. Since brain tissue can be obtained only from an autopsy, diagnoses of Alzheimer's in living patients remains merely probable. Clinical diagnosis of probable AD requires the dementia to be confirmed by neuropsychological tests, deficits in two or more areas of cognition (such as memory, attention, processing speed and language), progressive worsening of memory and other cognitive functions, unimpaired consciousness, onset between 40 and 90-years-old; and the absence of other brain disease.

Such a diagnosis might be supported by a family history, changes in behaviour and brain scans showing areas of atrophy. However, if a person's decline is sudden rather than progressive, and they suffer such symptoms as lack of coordination or deficits in their vision, it is likely that Alzheimer's is not the culprit.

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IRIS: A MEMOIR

I put the champagne on the table

Iris



In the second extract from his memoir of Iris Murdoch **John Bayley** tells how he fell in love with the 'lady' he saw cycling through Oxford

STEVE BRODIE



John Bayley met his 'lady' at a party at which he was the only man: "When it dawned on me, a short time after the party, that they had all seemed to be in love with Iris, I had a sensation of despair"

Iris existed for me as a wonderful and solitary being, first seen bicycling slowly and rather laboriously past the window in St Antony's College, where I was living. Trying to work, and gazing idly out at the passing scene on the Woodstock Road, now intolerably full of traffic but then a comparatively quiet thoroughfare, I noted the lady on the bicycle (she seemed at once to me more of a lady than a girl) and wondered who she was and whether I would ever meet her. Perhaps I fell in love. Certainly it was in the innocence of love that I indulged the momentary fantasy that nothing had ever happened to her: that she was simply bicycling about, waiting for me to arrive.

"AH, THERE you are, John. I may call you John, mayn't I?" Miss Griffiths gave a characteristic small giggle.

Although it was just across the road from St Antony's I had never before been into St Anne's, which I regarded as an all-feminine province, likely to be virtually out of bounds to males and male students.

"Meet Miss Ady," said Miss Griffiths, "and Miss Murdoch. Iris, this is one of the more promising young ones in the English School. Very good results in Finals. I caught him out over Old English grammar, his weaker side I fear, but he did a beautiful piece on *The Knight's Tale*."

Iris Murdoch gave me a kindly look, said "Hullo", and continued talking to Miss Ady. I saw the dashing Miss Ady tap Iris playfully on the wrist while emphasising some point to her, perhaps about their teaching; for Miss Ady, as I afterwards discovered, taught politics and economics, while Iris handled the philosophy. Miss Griffiths handed me a glass, from which I at once took a desperate swig. I coughed, and felt myself going scarlet in the face. It was a strong gin and French. Iris and her friends drank a lot of it, and for me that was the first of many.

I was the only man in the room. There were four or five women at the party but they all seemed to want to talk to Iris. I was left with Miss Griffiths, who was herself looking at Iris with a wistful expression which even at that awkward moment surprised me.

What I had not the slightest idea of was that St Anne's, at that time, was a hotbed of emotion. The dons in general were not, so to speak, professional lesbians. Many were, or had been, married: they led domestic as well as academic lives. They were nice clever donnish women, hard-working and conscientious, but a lot of feelings ran beneath the surface. In any case I had simplistic ideas about sex at that time, supposing that everybody must be either one thing or the other.

When it dawned on me, a short time after the party, that they had all seemed to be in love with Iris, I had a sensation of despair. If they all felt like that about her, didn't it follow that she must feel the same about them? — at least about one or two of them? Iris was, as I realised later, much too kind to discourage affection, even yearning affection, but she was apt to draw a line if a woman expressed it too physically. She never went to bed with any of her colleagues, or indeed with any other woman, although the novelist Brigid Brophy tried very hard indeed to persuade her. That was both before and after we were married.

I never managed to talk to Iris at that party but the god of chance seemed to be in a long-suffering mood. After seeing me fail to make anything of the unexpected coincidence he had arranged, he patiently set to work yet again. Asked to supper three weeks later by a couple who knew a friend I had not seen for years, I discovered that Iris was my sole fellow-guest. But I soon felt that I was failing again. Although friendly and not at all shy, Iris was not a helpful conversationalist. I offered openings and raised points in what I hoped was an interesting way, but she smiled kindly and did not respond.

Quite abruptly, and early, Iris said she must go home. For the first time I managed to seize the moment, and I said regretfully that I must go too. Goodnights being said and the front door closed, we unlocked our bicycles and set out together into the damp mild Oxfordshire night. We rode in silence, and I assumed it was to break it that she asked me in her friendly way if I had ever thought of writing a novel. It was a wholly unexpected question, but for once I had an answer ready. Yes, I had: indeed I was writing one, or trying to write one, at that moment.

But why should Miss Murdoch ask me about novels? It must be to indulge me and get me to talk about myself, for clearly she, a philosopher, could have no interest in the matter. I made some deprecating comment to this effect, and the next moment could hardly believe my ears. Miss Murdoch said that she herself had written a novel, which was shortly to be published.

I felt overwhelmed with awe and admiration. "You mustn't tell anyone," she said, stopping her bicycle and putting a foot to the ground. She looked straight at me, speaking lightly but also very seriously. "I don't want anyone to know."

I gave a fervent undertaking. I would not reveal her secret to a soul. I was overwhelmed with joy that she could have confided this secret to me. Could she have known that I had fallen in love with her, and had decided like a philosopher, on a ground of reason and good sense, that she was also in love with me?

As I came to know her it soon occurred to me that she had in fact revealed this secret of her novel to quite a number of people. What is more, some of them had even read it — in manuscript, in Iris's own handwriting. The idea of Iris wishing, or at least being prepared, to regard me as one of her several intimate friends did not appeal to me in the least. None the less that was the way it had to be.

In the early summer St Antony's College gave a modest dance. Although I was not by training or by temperament a dancing man I determined to go none the less, and to ask Iris if she would come with me. To my astonishment she accepted the invitation with alacrity.

At half-past six I went to collect Iris in her college room, waiting outside the door after I had knocked, and a voice from within had requested me to hang on a minute. While waiting I speculated on what she would look like, what she would be wearing. I assumed and rather hoped it would be

Rats beneath the floorboards

"THE house and premises known as Cedar Lodge," as the old deeds described them, were neither warm nor dry. There were the remains of a huge cedar near the front gate. Perhaps they had chopped this great tree down and burnt it indoors in a vain attempt to keep warm? We ourselves tried various ways of doing the same thing. Nothing seemed to do any good.

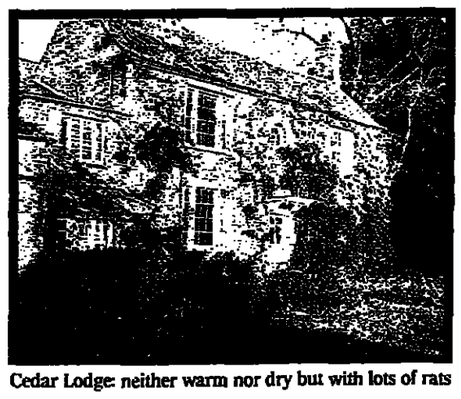
But we never minded the cold and the damp. We were always warm in bed, and in retrospect I seem to spend most of my time in bed: I very soon developed the habit of working there.

Our bed, too, was the one place from which to me the house felt safe and natural. The bed was home, even if unknown people might be living at the other end of the long house, perhaps unaware of our existence.

It was when Iris was away for a day or two that I realised that the existence of these other people was not just fantasy. As I came from the garden and went up the dark staircase I saw something going up ahead of me. It was a large rat. It reached the top, looked around unhurriedly, and dived with a plop into a wide crack between the oak boards. It had come home.

Those rats were gentlemen. Until that moment we had no idea of their existence. Nor did their presence cause us any bother — at first. They led their lives and we led ours. But since we knew they were there, and they knew we knew they were there, our relations could never feel quite the same.

For one thing their behaviour ceased to be so considerate. Now we often heard them moving about beneath the floorboards. The house had been built in the solid style of its period, with plenty of woodwork to gnaw upon. Those rats took to gnawing it as a nighttime occupation, and sometimes they charged up and down those long invisible corridors at two in the morning. It seemed clear that something had to be done. I obtained quantities of a substance alleged not only to destroy rats without pain but to be positively enjoyed by them in the process. We spooned it through the cracks: soon we could hear the rats enjoying it. Now there were not only cavorting noises in the night but squeals of ecstasy as well.



Cedar Lodge: neither warm nor dry but with lots of rats

Iris began to look anguished. The sounds ceased quite abruptly, as if the animals had decided that if we would not play the game, neither would they — they would rather leave home.

I was concerned about the probable smell of unburied rat bodies. But the old house remained odour-free. It really looked as if they had staged a final feast and moved out.

And now of course we missed them. Iris ceased to look so agonised, and we never mentioned the rats, but I think we sometimes listened for them if we woke up in the night. I can feel and hear their almost sympathetic company in some of Iris's novels, written at her table just above their heads; for after we first realised their presence she used to say she had become aware of it in the daytime as well as by night, and found it congenial, even stimulating. In summertime it blended with the sounds from the garden, the song of blackbirds and the twittering of the swallows — "the Weatherbys" — on the telephone wire outside the window.

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and we fell into each other's arms



Happy holidays: at the Villa Serbelloni, Como, in 1965





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Family snaps: (above, left) the summer of 1962 at the Old Rectory, Litton Cheney in Dorset, "a magic place, away from the world" and (above, right) Iris talks to Mark Bonham Carter at a party for best-selling authors in 1966

something dark, preferably black, suited to the person of mature years and sober disposition which I still assumed and hoped her to be. Was it not these imagined qualities in her which had attracted me so strongly when I first saw her on her bicycle?

The door opened. An apparition in what seemed a sort of flame-coloured brocade stood before me.

A steep flight of stone steps led down to the St Antony's crypt in which the dance was to be held. As we went down Iris trod on her long dress, slipped, and slid inelegantly down a few steps on her behind. She was not hurt. She got up and smiled while the others brushed her down, amid laughter and joking. The ice was already broken as far as fellow-dancers were concerned.

My dancing was unconfident. When we moved, there seemed no correlation between the different parts of us. Iris smiled at me encouragingly, and a few seconds later relinquished me and began to execute arm-twirlings and arabesques on her own. She looked ungainly and rather affected, but touchingly naive at the same time.

The band gave a flourish, and stopped. Iris came back to me at once, looking happy and relaxed. She asked about my room in the college. I asked if she would like to go up there a minute, thinking of the bottle of champagne I had bought that morning, and put in my cupboard along with two glasses. She said she would like to very much. I took her arm as we mounted the stone steps, in case she had another fall. My room was small and spartan: a bed, cupboard, table and wooden chair. But there was a gas fire, which I now turned on. I got the bottle and glasses out of the cupboard. As I put them down on the table we fell into each other's arms.

It seemed as natural as it had been to take her arm when coming up the stairs, or for her to take my hand for a minute when we had left her own room in St Anne's. We never returned to the dance floor but sat in my room until two in the morning. We talked without stopping. I had no idea I could talk like that, and I am sure she never knew she could, either.

I think Iris was accustomed only to talk properly, as it were: considering, pausing, modifying, weighing her words. To talk like a philosopher and a teacher. Now she babbled like a child. So did I. With arms around each other, kissing and rubbing noses (I said how much I loved her snub nose) we rambled on and on. She seemed to be giving way to some deep need of which she had been wholly unconscious: the need to throw away not only the rivalries of intellect, but the emotional fears and fascinations, the power struggles and surrenders of adult loving.

I had a wish to rub my nose and lips along her bare arm. She made me take off my dinner jacket so that she could do the same to me.

"If we were married we could do this all the time," I said, rather absurdly.

"We shall be doing it nearly all the time," she answered.

"Yes, but if — ."

She stopped that by starting to kiss me properly. We remained locked together for a long time. The bottle of champagne remained unopened on the table.

Long, long afterwards I was having to look through her manuscripts and papers to find some stuff requested by the publisher. In the back of an exercise book containing notes for a novel were what seemed to be a few entries, some dated, others random observations, comments on books, philosophers, people she knew, denoted only by initial. Some notes on pupils too, and on points that had struck her in their work. One entry, dated June 3, 1954, read: "St Antony's Dance. Fell down the steps, and seem to have fallen in love with J. We didn't dance much."

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Peaceful bedroom habits

CLUELESS as I still was in the early days of our relationship, I did know by then that Iris had several lovers, often at the same time. I also intuited — how I don't know but it turned out to be correct enough — that she usually gave her favours out of admiration for the godlike rather than the conventionally-attractive or sexual attributes in the men who pursued her. Sex was something she regarded as rather marginal, not an end in itself.

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As my own feelings became closely involved I saw all such matters in an absurdly lurid light. In reality the people Iris went to see were not gods, but intellectuals, writers, artists, civil servants, mostly Jewish and mainly refugees. In time I met most of them and got on with them well, surprised and in later days amused when I looked back at the storm of fears and emotions they had once aroused in me.

There have been moments when I found myself wondering how Iris got on in bed with lovers whose approach was more ambitious or more demanding than my own. On one occasion I accidentally received an unexpected hint from an acquaintance who had been for a brief period a successful admirer. I did not care for this character, a highly distinguished figure in his own sphere, with a weakness for keeping his friends a trifle over-informed about a current love affair, and how painful or ecstatic or both it was turning out to be.

On this occasion he made some remark about how important it was to get the girl proficient at what you wanted to do yourself, indicating that if she was gone on you enough she would — whatever it was.

"Nothing more discouraging than a partner who won't enter into the spirit of the thing," he observed sagely, and then gave me a sudden guilty look as if he might have given something away. It was unlikely that he knew I was aware of his walk-out with Iris, but that brief hangdog look gave me a strong suggestion that he was thinking of her and her shortcomings in bed, thoughts which he realised were now not best communicated to her husband.

Certainly our bedroom habits (the deep deep peace of the double bed after the hurly-burly on the chaise longue, as Mrs Pat Campbell noted) were always peaceful and unbothered by considerations of better, or more. The lady in Iris's novel *A Severed Head* who complained that her marriage "wasn't getting anywhere" would probably have made the same observation about her sex life.

We expected neither sex nor marriage to get anywhere: we were happy for them to jog on just as they were.

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'I shan't do it and shall never do another.' Trouble over Iris Murdoch's final novel and how John Bayley realised for first time that something might be seriously wrong

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What about the workers, Mr Blair?

Michael Gove salutes a dying class gathered in Blackpool

All Blackpool needs are the casinos. It already has the all-day drinking and the trade in trinkets. The transformation of the Lancashire resort into a reservation for our indigenous redskins is almost complete. The tom-toms from Blackpool this week may beat out a familiar war cry, but the British working classes are a tribe in retreat. Bury their heart on the Golden Mile.

The Prime Minister will break bread with the Trade Union Congress this evening; but although he may smoke the pipe of peace, he will not inhale. Nicotine is only one of the many manifestations of working-class culture, along with hare-coursing, local comprehensives and trade unions, which Tony Blair regards with impeccable bourgeois distaste.

For a Conservative, the eclipse of working-class power, especially that of the trade unions, might seem welcome. The Tories, like the frontiersmen of the Old West, bore the brunt of this ancient culture's wrath. The miners' strike of 1974 was Little Big Horn, with Heath a Custer shorn of glory. For a journalist at *The Times*, a newspaper once brought to its knees by the trade unions, a Carthaginian peace might seem sweet justice.

> The Prime Minister has a bourgeois dislike of the TUC

But I have no desire to sow the streets of Blackpool with salt. Although the waning of the political and economic power of the unions has been a necessary precondition of Britain's economic recovery and political health, the cultural decline of Britain's working-class tradition is different.

Perhaps Tories are better placed to appreciate the poignancy than many. They are more honest mourners than the modernisers of new Labour. Just as some American frontiersmen learnt to respect their adversaries, and shared a respect for the territory over which they fought, so Tories can feel a sympathy for their fallen foes. Both know that the old is not automatically the obsolete, that ancestor worship is a precondition of valuing the present properly, and that culture is more than a ministry.

Before we clear away the flat beer and mouldy sandwiches for the funeral baked meats, there will be those who argue that the working classes do not deserve to have their obituary written yet. Unfortunately it has already been, by a better pen than mine, 16 years ago.

The Marxist historian Raphael Samuel, who graced these pages in the Eighties and died aged 62 in December 1996, foresaw the demise of working-class culture in a brilliant essay in April 1982, reissued this summer by Verso in *Island Stories*. Written in the heroic phase of Thatcherism, it pitilessly arraigns the workers' executioners.

"The very existence of a self-conscious working-class is an affront to their esteem. It is also the chief obstacle to the open society of their particular dreams — a gigantic empty space filled with socially mobile, outward-looking people."

"They" are depicted as "a political counterpart to the phenomenon of gentrification", with the working class "equivalent to the unregenerate houses in a refurbished street" whom "they" want "not so much to improve as abolish".

"They", of course, are "the modernisers". In Samuel's day these improvers were located in the SDP; but although the Social Democrats' initials now have all the potency of other faded acronyms like Nupe, their ideology has triumphed. Samuel identified that ideology as "the transposition of consumerist ideas into politics, an attachment to novelty, imagery and style, and an appeal to 'the people' against 'the politicians'." It is Blairism, not so much in embryo, as fully formed and awaiting Dr Mandelstein's electric currents.

"Modernisation", as Samuel understood, is both a euphemism and a strategy. The modernisation of the constitution has meant not new controls on the governing class, but its growth. And for the working class, modernisation has not meant emancipation but internal exile. The modernisation of the Labour Party has been accompanied by a waning of the power of labour, with capitalist barons enjoying a supermarket sweep of ministerial office. The engineers and electricians of the AEEU have recognised the trend too late — with their attempt to secure the selection of more working-class Labour candidates. Hardline Blairites are even hoping, like some Victorian mill-owner, to secure a labour lock-out, by using a public-sector strike as an excuse to sunder the party from its trade union roots.

Modernisation of the economy, with high interest rates preparing the pound for EMU entry, leaves manufacturing industry slowly expiring in the North, while the service sector of the South is only bruised. In the new economy it is the engineer's pay-packet which is becoming genuinely "weightless". With the flight of Siemens, all that was solid in the Sedgefield worker's wallet has melted into air.

As a Marxist, Samuel recognised the inevitabilities of history, but as a Conservative I can still feel a sense of regret at a vanishing culture. Samuel himself noted that the Tories "cannot really be said to be anti-working class".

The Conservative Party exists (as Alan Clark reminds us in his new history of it) to defend the nation state. Patriotic feeling, and its handmaiden, the traditional family, have always been stronger among the working classes. Disraeli's "angels in marble" were the section of society most critical of appeasement and, from the boxing gyms of the East End to the rugby pitches of South Wales, the most aware of the need to defend masculine virtues. On Blackpool sands I hear their melancholy, long, withdrawing roar as they scent their own extinction.



We don't need to know

After Starr, privacy is a joke. Yet all of us — even Spice Girls — value it

They say that the President of the United States now depends for survival on the nation's women. Nice symmetry: after all, needing women is what he does best. From staunch Hillary to silly Monica and discreet Betty, by way of a host of idealistic she-Democrats, women have always shored up Bill Clinton. It could well be that the women of America will now put on a virtuoso display of moral contortionism, forgive his "broken spirit" (hah!) and against all expectation sabotage the impeachment.

In the past few days this has begun to seem strangely likely. When it comes to the essential facts of the Lewinsky affair men seem to be harder on Clinton than women: my own brother exploded in disbelief at the insouciant attitude of females — myself and sister-in-law included — to the Starr revelations. Men, he says, reckon they would never get away with that sort of caper, and certainly not in an office corridor, so why should the President? Women — with censorious exceptions, usually journalists — giggle and say poor stupid guy, the girl was clearly up for it, and Hillary doesn't seem too flustered; so whose business is it anyway?

We doubters are unconvinced by the evidence of witness tampering, which is technically very thin; and when it comes to the matter of the President's direct lies on camera about "that woman", we get a bit shifty and say hmm, yes, reprehensible, what a cad — but then again, why should lawyers in an unconnected civil harassment suit even have the right to ask such a question? If they were trying to prove, as Paula Jones's team said, a "pattern of harassing behaviour" then they were on to a loser anyway. If ever a girl was keen to be harassed, it was Monica Lewinsky. All right, so he lied: but wouldn't you, if it was none of their business? Can't consenting adults keep the details of their fumblings private?

As for the odious Linda Tripp with her false sympathy and her hidden tape-recorder, words cannot convey how deeply all right-thinking women detest her. Loyal mixed-up little Lewinsky didn't want to kiss and tell. She would have gone away and sobbed and written awful poems about frogs and bears and eventually battened on someone else, or waited in deluded hope for years in case Handsome left Hillary. We know this. We have all done it once and nobody need ever know. It was Tripp, the traitorous, beady, calculating Republican, who forced Monica Lewinsky into her present unspeakable situation.

We covert female Clinton sympathisers know that our case holds little water. We know that behind the sex scandal lies the probability that the Clintons have long been involved in more damaging dishonesties, and should never have got inside the White House at all. We know that the Starr report's lubricity mainly expresses the frustration of a prosecutor who can't get hard evidence of financial improbity, but can get access to a stained dress. So we would not go to the stake for Clinton, but still we drive our menfolk crazy by murmuring "Poor old Bill...". Or in my case, since Mr Future President was a fleeting acquaintance at Oxford in 1970, "Funny old world, Bill was always such a shy boy. Nice he's got over it, really". This drives our outraged menfolk into even worse paroxysms.

I have been trying to disinter the roots of this feeling. I do not think it is because women find the President attractive; he may stir faint maternal feelings, like Just William, but that is not enough to account for the instinct to let him off. Nor do I think that many of us were roused to the designed degree of emotion by his successive public apologies: down-home claims that there ain't no fancy way of saying Ah have Sinned, poetic flights about the meaning of autumn and change, anecdotes about little boys who came up to him and said — gulp! — "Mr President, I wanna be just like you" and bashful claims that he was so busy lookin' after America that he kinda forgot to look after himself (further explosion from brother: "He looked after himself very nicely, if you ask me!"). No; confronted with these speeches, and Hillary's warmly crazy endorsements, and all the Oprahvangelical stage remorse, I can roll about laughing with the best of you.

Yet still there is this urge towards mercy. Daft as it is, if America's women share it, history may take a strange turn and let Bill Clinton off a rap he richly deserves. If so, I think it will be mostly because of female feelings about privacy. We did not want the details of Lewinsky's pitiful attempts to draw her man closer and his equally pitiful attempts to resist "addiction" to her puppyish ministerings. We deplored the notion of private erotic details being laid out to be read by her parents and his child.

Libby Purves

These things make us feel that something is deeply wrong. And, since the prime sufferer from that wrongness is the President, a man who had admitted the affair, we cannot bring ourselves to side with Kenneth Starr. Sorry.

Maybe we need a worldwide debate about privacy and where to put the proper limits of a human being's self-ownership. Law and practice lag behind technology, and the age of instant global information has failed to come up with a code to bring what is possible in line with what is decent, and with the human right to necessary taboos. Every day brings examples large and small of private lives being exploited. The Internet is a particular and almost unpoliceable nuisance: spurned lovers and spouses now post their ex-beloved's embarrassing old love letters and dirty photos on it just for spite. But even in the regulated media, astonishing intrusions take place.

The licence given to photographers is notorious: a man may take a picture of you from your lawn, and sell it, but if you lay one finger on his film you are the felon. If you cry at your child's funeral, they can put you on the front page red-nosed and grimacing: if you make the mistake of saying a single word they can put "My grief for my baby, by tragic Mum", as if you had written it and consented to its publication. If you happen to be homeless on the streets, anyone may take a picture of your discomfort and use it for profit or polemic. We are all up for grabs all the time: note the outrage of Ms Norma Charles, who danced down the road in the Notting Hill Carnival and now finds herself against her will featuring on the Royal Mail stamps and being used to sell first day covers. Nobody told her, let alone asked her. "What if I had died since it was taken?" she says. "It could have caused distress to my family." Only when you are actually dead does your image get any degree of protection: the law did finally draw the line at Anthony-Noel Kelly making casts of stolen torsos. But it seems a long time to wait.

The danger in being cavalier about privacy — or self-ownership, as I like to think of it — is not just that it makes us all more brutish, but that the powerful will fight back by drawing boundaries around their lives which are themselves abusive. Even as the precise details of thong and cigar were being gloated over by a world with no right to know, Scary Spice was getting married in Little Marlow parish church. Matrimony is of its essence a public exchange of vows; but it would have taken more than a just cause or impediment to get an outsider past the dozens of security guards she hired.

No member of the church's real congregation could penetrate the closed tunnels built between house and church and marquee; this precaution ensured that nothing could spoil the scoop pictures presold to *OK!* magazine for six figures. An ecclesiastical building and an essentially public ceremony were reduced to the status of a commercial studio, and nobody raised a word of protest because we are so confused about the gap between official and unofficial, personal and public.

The Clinton nonsense and the Mel B nonsense are linked: it is precisely because we have built a world which would cheerfully publish long-lens pictures of a Spice Girl in childbirth that we are doomed to tolerate her turning a public sacrament into a secret photoshoot. It is precisely because of Starr's indecency that the sleazebag Clinton may get away with it again. More surreal things yet will happen before we solve this one.

Why no Russian Franco?

Moscow putsch? Not likely, says **Richard Overy**

Ever since the collapse of the Soviet system there have been persistent rumours of a military takeover in Russia. There is a rough logic. The Cold War rationale that supported vast military expenditure and a special place for the military leadership in public life has gone. The Soviet Empire has fragmented, leaving Russia, like Britain in the 1960s, looking for a new national role. Russian society and economy are in deep crisis, reflected no less in the decline in the morale and performance of the Russian Army in the savage war in Chechnya. This is the stuff of military coups the world over.

Above all there is General Aleksandr Lebed perhaps waiting for his chance to be Russia's Franco; a forceful personality, perhaps a man of force, whose time will come. Why, then, has it not happened? The simple answer is that this is Russia, not 1930s Spain. One striking fact from Russia's roller-coaster century is that the military has never taken over the ruling of Russia. It tried with Kornilov in the summer of 1917, but it is not clear that even had he succeeded he would have made himself military ruler of Russia. Otherwise, despite the size and influence of the vast apparatus at its command, the military has avoided overturning the regime.

This has not stopped speculation in the past. In 1937 Stalin, unduly influenced by the false trails laid by his own security chief, the evil Yezhov, destroyed the army leadership around the flamboyant and successful Tukhachevsky. He and his fellow prisoners were forced under torture to admit that they had conspired with German generals to overturn Stalin, but there has never emerged a shred of evidence to suggest anything of the kind. The leading marshals were shot, but most of those purged were later reinstated. They included men who had every reason to hate their leader, but they never did what the July Plotters tried to do to Hitler.

After the Second World War Stalin was so consumed with envy of the victorious Red Army stars that he banished or imprisoned scores of them. Suspicion rested on Stalin's wartime deputy, Marshal Zhukov. The KGB dossier suggested that Zhukov was plotting to overthrow Stalin. He escaped death, but was insultingly sent to command the Odessa military district. Again there was not a jot of truth in the allegations, though poor Zhukov was sacked again by Khrushchev in 1957 because of the lingering whiff of conspiracy.

Modern Russia has no tradition of the pronunciamento. General Lebed, if he harbours such ambitions, will be breaking new ground. Hitherto the Russian Army has produced a narrow functional elite, technically versed but politically naive. From the early 1930s to the 1980s generals were happy to enjoy the priority given to the military-industrial complex at the expense of a sensible policy on living standards. From 1945 the Soviet regime traded on Red Army victory over Hitler to legitimise the Communist system and generals remained high in its pecking-order. But the relationship between army and society is changing rapidly. It is no accident that veterans awash with medals front the protests with icons of Stalin.

General Lebed is much more likely to become the power behind someone else's throne. If there is any precedent worth exploring, it is the tradition of the harsh security state in Russia. When there was dirty work to do in the revolutionary civil war it was done by the *Cheka*. When Stalin wanted the peasants collectivised the conscript army proved so unreliable that the element of force was left to the NKVD security troops.

During the Second World War the loathsome Beria purged and punished thousands of soldiers of every rank. After the war the KGB and *Smersh* (the military counter-espionage bureau) kept the Red Army in check. Khrushchev was one of thousands of Communist Party leaders assigned during the war to keep a political eye on the Red Army, and the "commissar generation" never lost the habit. The bridge between politics and force in Russia has been built by secret policemen, not soldiers.

There is no reason to suppose that this is not still the case. The generals have had time to shunt President Yeltsin aside and establish military authority. Soldiers unpaid for months, subject to a regime of corruption and abuse that has echoes of the ramshackle army of the 1920s, have reason enough to rebel, but it has not happened.

A temporary parliamentary alliance may be formed that enjoys sufficient popular goodwill to begin a programme to recover some of the power the State forfeited so readily in the early 1990s, to restore economic health and respect for the law. But it is just as possible that the rule of law will be imposed by a leader whose credentials are those of the security apparatus that held the Soviet Empire together. The army might well prefer the nationalism and authoritarianism of the old order to the crisis of decomposition it confronts. Whatever the outcome, Russia's generals should learn from Tukhachevsky and Zhukov and watch their backs.

The author's latest book, Russia's War, is published by Penguin.

Babe's blues

THIS impeachment frenzy is spreading. The colourful Blair babe, whose vibrant antics have amused scandal-mongers, is facing eviction from office. Helen Brinton, the self-propelling MP who was unfairly painted as a "Millbank android" for daring to speak of her love for Peter Mandelson, has been called to an emergency meeting by her Peterborough constituency party. Since her election she has been in the news constantly, recently when she compared the despair she felt at her own husband's desertion with that of the late Princess of Wales. Local stalwarts were apoplectic. "I don't regard it as a crisis meeting," insists a brave Helen (right). "It is to discuss the barrage of unfortunate publicity and how we can move forward."



Senior members have called an emergency meeting for later this week which could result in a vote of no confidence. "The locals want her out pronto," claims one activist. Alan Dale, chairman of Peterborough Labour Party, refused the opportunity to endorse his MP: "No comment. I am not discussing her position."

Brinton would be the first Labour MP to be sacked for backing the leader but colleagues are rallying round. "There is a 'be nice to Helen campaign' on a roll," says Stephen Pound, MP. "Decency not chivalry demands we give her the chance to show herself as the good and capable politician many of us believe she is." Another says: "She has had private setbacks but none of us would like that to become public knowledge."

● *MEANINGFUL marital encounters for Neil and Glenys Kinnock are now to be found at airports. "The only time my missus and I see each other is on airport walkolators," the former Labour leader turned Transport Commissioner says of his MEP wife. "Last time we got ten minutes. She was on her way back from South Africa and I was on my way to Prague." So uncivilised, success.*

Italian affair

THE Duchess of York will appear publicly in Britain for the first time with her aristocratic Italian (surely a contradiction) boyfriend later this month. Although her friends are keen to dispel suggestions that the two are about to announce their engagement, Sarah Ferguson will be joining Count Gaddo della Gherardesca at a swish wedding at the Brompton Oratory in London. Snappers will be out in force to watch Manfredi, the count's brother and a director of Sotheby's, marry Princess Dora Lowenstein, daughter of Prince Rupert. Mick Jagger's manager. The Rolling Stone, energy permitting, is expected to attend.

● *THE Teletubbies are abusing Americans. A woman claims she was handling a talking Po doll in New York when the doll ordered "Bite my butt". She swears that the creature yelled "faggot". The sinister puppet, who babbles platitudes in Cantonese such as "Big hug", insists that she was misunderstood.*

Drowned out

TIMOTHY WEST has been upstaged at Oxford. The actor was at Worcester College at the weekend to give a midnight poetry reading for a fundraising evening for Birmingham Royal Ballet. As he opened to a packed Junior Common Room, an enthusiastic Seventies band at a nearby marquee struck up, drowning out West's great boom. He shrugged off the diversion ("the lampshades are splendid," he muttered) but Prunella Scales, his wife (pictured with him) was less amused. "It's just not fair on Timothy," she complained to organisers, prompting an exodus to a quieter room. Perhaps West was tempting fate in his choice of material: poems on a musical theme.



● *AFTER* Tubular Bells *welcome* Throbbing Bonnet. *The pop performer behind the 1970s concept albums of Pink Floyd is to return with a CD — of car engine noises. Nick Mason, drummer with the rock dinosaurs, is so taken with his classic cars that he has committed them to tape for our benefit. But this "dark side of the vroom" is surely a weak follow-up to* The Wall? *"It isn't easy listening, more grounds for divorce," admits Mason. "It puts people in the driving seat. It is affecting, particularly for neighbours." Not a gramophone record I shall buy the chauffeur of the Diary Towers Lagonda.*

New chapter

KITTY has grown up. The daughter of Jonathan Dimbleby and Bel Mooney, who provided the inspiration for Bel's bestselling kiddies' books, has cut the umbilical cord and headed for college in London.

"When she was four, I had written my first novel as a Christmas present for Jonathan," Bel (pictured with daughter above) recalls. "Kitty was very jealous. Her beady eyes were on it and she said 'Write me a book'." The result was *I don't want to*, the first of ten, which have sold a million copies, based on the fictional exploits of Kitty, forever seven years old. "It used to upset me when children were constantly asking if I didn't clean my teeth like Kitty in the books," says the rather more serious Kitty. "Now I help my mother with advice on the behaviour of teenagers." Me suspects that the ever-rebellious Bel knows rather more about that.



JASPER GERARD

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ENDGAME IN GERMANY

Bavaria floats the Chancellor off the rocks

For the embattled Helmut Kohl, the triumph of Edmund Stoiber's Christian Social Union in the Bavarian state elections is a whiff of oxygen in an airless room. Its national significance is most easily gauged by considering what the impact on Herr Kohl's fortunes would have been, had the opposition Social Democrats led by Gerhard Schröder made significant inroads in this rockribbed conservative state. Since no one would have pinned the blame on Herr Stoiber, whose personal standing among Bavarians could hardly be higher, any CSU setback would have been firmly laid at the Chancellor's door. He and his Christian Democratic Union would have looked like the deadest of horses as he flogged the party into the final lap of Germany's federal election campaign.

As it is, the Social Democrats fared considerably worse than expected, and the race is again open. Yet Herr Kohl needs no reminding of two facts. The first is that prosperous Bavaria, one of the only two of Germany's 16 states where conservatives govern outright, has always been a law unto itself: the result there does not, whatever he may say in public, prove that the entire nation is recoiling from the prospect of a Red-Green government.

The second is that Herr Stoiber increased his majority despite, rather than because of, his party's membership of the centre-right coalition in Bonn. The Bavarian state premier not only kept Herr Kohl physically offstage — and off his party's posters — during the campaign; he powered to victory with a "Bavaria first" pitch that invited voters, whatever they thought of the feeble lot in Bonn, to pin their faith in his own undeniably successful record in attracting investment and keeping unemployment down to two thirds of the 10.6 per cent national average. Herr Stoiber's success in stealing the far right's clothes on crime and immigration will influence Herr Kohl's endgame. But no small part of Herr Stoiber's popularity stems from his open opposition, unique among leading German politicians, to the European single currency that is the Chancellor's special pride. That is a garment which the CDU cannot borrow.

Gerhard Schröder, for his part, has lost momentum at a crucial stage, conspicuously failing to show that even on inhospitable terrain, the SPD can capitalise on the voters' impatience for change. The lesson he needs to draw is that whereas elsewhere in Germany, the disarray within Herr Kohl's CDU party has allowed Herr Schröder to rely on his personal charisma, the SPD's unreconstructed faith in the high-spending welfare state makes it vulnerable to Herr Stoiber's hardhitting campaign against the "perils of socialism". He needs to smarten up an act which has been studiedly evasive on policy.

The SPD might also do well to stop targeting Herr Kohl personally, as it did in Bavaria. Unpopular though he is, the Chancellor might yet persuade Germans that his experience is needed to shield them against political and financial turbulence in Russia and elsewhere. But even some of Herr Kohl's key aides are on record that his days are numbered. With the CDU soon to enter a bruising leadership battle, it might be cleverer for the SPD to emphasise the Chancellor's political mortality, presenting a vote for the centre-right as a leap into the unknown.

The SPD ought still, in theory, to win: it needs far fewer votes than a six to eight point swing in its favour would yield. But Germany's proportional system is so resistant to change that in the history of the Federal Republic, incumbent Chancellors have not once been voted out of power: they have either been deposed in palace coups or ousted when a junior coalition partner switched sides. With less than a fortnight to go, the race has abruptly become too close to call. Just when decisive German leadership would be most noticeable beside the political uncertainties in Washington and Moscow, the chances of a clean victory for either coalition look slender this week.

ESCAPE HATCH

Concede perjury to keep honour and office

Members of Congress have returned to Washington, having tested the political temperature in their districts and states. Opinion polls indicate that Americans are concerned but confused about Bill Clinton. A majority believes that he has done something wrong — in both the moral and legal sense. The President is regarded as a perfectly competent politician but an utterly flawed human being. Most voters seem to think that some sanction is needed but that impeachment or resignation would be excessive. They hope that Congress can find a middle route and do so quickly.

Senator Orrin Hatch has offered one. The Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee has suggested that if Mr Clinton abandons the fiction that his previous answers on the Lewinsky affair were legally correct, it might be possible for Congress to proceed with a motion of censure. He would have to admit perjury but would avoid impeachment hearings. This will strike most Americans as a reasonable proposition. Other congressmen are likely to embrace it.

Mr Clinton's alternative is to stick to his extraordinary definition of a "sexual relationship" and his implausible account of his adventures with Monica Lewinsky. He would also be obliged to maintain the fantastic proposition that he did not lie when he claimed that he had rarely been alone with Ms Lewinsky because the door to his office was not completely closed. This version undermines the President's contention that he has admitted his failings, repented and should now be allowed forgiveness. It risks rendering him a figure of absolute ridicule.

It will also do him harm in prospective impeachment hearings. This was put very bluntly by Senator Robert Kerrey of Nebraska, a Democrat of considerable independent standing, a war hero, and a man of consistent candour. The Senator warned Mr Clinton: "If you come and say to the American people that I'm legally correct, I didn't have sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky; you're going to lose. And I hope the President understands that."

Mr Hatch and Mr Kerrey have produced rather better political advice than Mr Clinton appears to be receiving from his own circle. The President's character, credibility, and capacity to undertake his official duties to any acceptable extent will remain issues while he continues to prefer legalisms to ordinary language. The longer he avoids the manifest truth, the more he corners Congress into a choice between doing nothing or forcing him out. Mr Clinton may think that Congress will not summon the resolve to impeach him. That may be true, although November's election can change matters, but Democrats and Republicans will extract their revenge in other spheres. Mr Clinton would spend two years as a titular chief executive.

Neither the United States nor the wider world can afford that outcome. Mr Clinton must do at least the minimum necessary to avoid his complete political collapse. The only honourable alternative is his resignation. This means that he must shift ground on the question of perjury. This will expose him to the risk that Kenneth Starr could proceed, at a future date, with an uncontested prosecution for perjury in the criminal courts. Mr Clinton cannot anticipate what his ultimate sentence might be. He would, though, have displayed a willingness to face facts and assume full responsibility for his actions. Americans are entitled to ask for such qualities in their supreme political leader.

FROZEN ASSETS

A letter to the Editor is still the way to get things done

Sir Ernest Shackleton's candle lantern, the straps with which Captain Scott lugged his sledge and other memorabilia of Antarctic exploration are to be returned to the places whence they were taken. John Claydon, Wing Commander (retired) of the New Zealand Air Force, removed them from their huts as souvenirs more than 40 years ago. Yesterday, following a letter in *The Times*, he removed them from Christie's Exploration and Travel sale, where on Thursday they were estimated to fetch £13,000. Seldom has the oldest English public notice board and alarm bell worked so fast.

For more than two centuries, writing to *The Times* has been the quickest way to draw attention to a matter of urgent public interest. From the second day of publication statesmen and women, and private men and women, have been writing to the Editor to fly kites, launch campaigns, ride their hobby-horses or issue warnings. Max Beerbohm noted the efficacy of the cry "I shall write to *The Times*" as long ago as 1914. The rise of Florence Nightingale and the fall of the Aberdeen Government both started on our letters page. In his infinite wisdom John Delane, the Editor, decided to print Queen Victoria's letter appealing to be left alone with her grief under court news rather than on the letters page. Then, as now, that decision was final.

Few such letters have had quite so instant an effect as yesterday's. In the morning we published a letter from Jeff Rubin protesting that the sale was an assault on Antarctica's cultural heritage. Within hours Wing-Commander Claydon had pulled the historic relics from the sale and given them to the Scott Polar Research Institute. They will be sent back to New Zealand, which controls the Ross Dependency territory, and should eventually be back in their huts.

Much has changed since they were left there. Then polar expedition and climbing Everest were the last great outdoor adventures left on Earth. Few recognised that Antarctica even had a cultural heritage. Today Everest is littered with rubbish, and 10,000 tourists visit Antarctica each year. Then explorers left gear and provisions behind them for the intrepid few who followed them to Captain Scott's "awful place", and it was common practice for infrequent visitors to take souvenirs from the huts. Today their huts are kept under lock and key. And the Antarctic Treaty of 1959 prohibits the removal from the continent of so much as a pebble, shell or feather.

But some things never change. Auction houses will tend to take a commercial rather than a patriotic view about objects offered for sale. And a letter to *The Times* is still the quickest way to put right an obvious wrong.

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Blair's loyalty to his friend Clinton

From Mr Harry Shaw

Sir, Donald Anderson, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, says that we should not be seen as "the last of the Mohicans, clutching the President when all his entourage were deserting him" (report, "Stay away from your old friend, Blair told", September 12; see also letters, same day).

I disagree. The apparently genuine friendship between Mr Blair and Mr Clinton leads me to believe that the honourable course for Mr Blair is to behave in *precisely* that way. He may well improve our standing by demonstrating loyalty to a friend who has been deserted by so many. If Mr Clinton has done nothing to damage British interests — and in the case of Northern Ireland may even have assisted us — what reason have we for abandoning him?

Contrary to the normal rules of political behaviour, Mr Blair has an opportunity to stand up for friendship, at no cost to Britain. I would advise him to go to Mr Clinton, and if it helps, take a bottle of good whisky with him.

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From Mr Gordon C. Morse

Sir, Given the nature and severity of our President's troubles, your Prime Minister might have found it convenient to avoid immediate contact with Mr Clinton. He did not, and I admire him for it.

Whatever the President's personal shortcomings — and they are many and offensive — he has done many good things for our country and the world. Obviously the Prime Minister recognises this and well appreciates Mr Clinton's commitment to a strong and enduring relationship between our two countries.

I say, good show.

Yours,
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From Mr Bob Mulholland

Sir, President Clinton has the overwhelming support of the American people to remain in office. In fact, 66 per cent (latest poll) want Clinton to remain in office — that's more people than voted for him in 1996.

Unlike the UK system, the United States directly elects our President and we elected him for a four-year term that ends on January 20, 2001.

Meanwhile, President Clinton will continue to work on the issues (economy, education, healthcare, etc) which average Americans care about and on which they know the President is on their side.

Sincerely,
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From Captain R. S. Wraith, RN

Sir, Whether or not the American people will see fit to condone the behaviour of their President will become apparent as the story unfolds. As a military man, I shall be more interested to know whether the US Armed Forces will find it possible to countenance such an example being set by their Commander-in-Chief.

What message will this send to those in authority over the young and susceptible?

Yours faithfully,
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From the Reverend David Thomas

Sir, One stands amazed at the hypocrisy of a country which exalts sexual activity as the sole purpose of mankind and then hounds one who lives up to its expectations.

Yours faithfully,
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September 11.

From the Reverend Rod Garner

Sir, The good news for President Clinton, following his prayer-breakfast confession, is that God still accepts him. As the sceptic Heinrich Heine said on his death bed in 1856: "God will pardon me, it is His trade."

The bad news, however, is that the early Church eventually took a firm stand on last-minute conversions: it barred them.

Yours faithfully,
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Level school playing field for boys

From Dr Richard Grayson

Sir, The research by Dr Ann Phoenix of Birkbeck College, suggesting that boys are held back by peer group pressure (report, September 10), provides valuable evidence for all those interested in the problem of underachievement among boys. The next question must be: "What do we do about it?"

Dr Phoenix suggests that small-group teaching may help boys articulate feelings they will not discuss in a larger group. In a new pamphlet, *Saving our Future: Disaffection with Schools*, published by the Centre for Reform, the Liberal Democrat-leaning public policy think tank, John Howson and I make other suggestions — among them that there needs to be much greater emphasis in personal and social education (PSE) lessons on thinking about the role of boys and men in society.

To build upon existing good practice, we call for the establishment of a national curriculum for PSE, to include careers education, and for the consideration of study skills and gender roles. Meanwhile, the Government must find ways of encouraging more men into teaching so that boys have more male role models in schools, especially in primary schools.

We also believe that disaffection with school among both boys and girls is often due to much wider social problems, particularly to the fact that children do not link school with their desire for a fulfilling role in society. To counteract this, we would like to see the establishment of a National Office for Work and Schools to encourage more work-school partnerships.

As part of these partnerships, children could spend up to one day per week out of school in meaningful work experience. This would be regarded as part of their education, and could help children to feel that society does have something to offer them. The decision on whether this would be suitable for each individual child could be made at the age of 14, when each would start an "individual learning account".

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From Mr Neil Benbow

Sir, As a tutor and lecturer in further and higher education, I can grimly recall the feminist rhetoric thrust upon would-be educators who learnt their philosophy in the 1970s that "women suffer at the hands of men in education". In their day research funding was spent on pursuing the questionable aims of feminists rather than the pursuit of excellence for all students, irrespective of gender.

I find it sadly ironic that, at a time when girls and women were not gaining good exam results, research was needed to find out why; yet, now that they are gaining good results, more research is needed for the same purpose. Why not spend some of the money on helping boys and men?

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From the Chair of the Coeducation Group, Headmasters and Headmistresses Conference

Sir, Your leading article of September 7, "Look at the girls", speaks of the confident, well-qualified generation of girls now emerging from the nation's schools. This development is certainly to be applauded.

At the same time, the disparity in exam performance between girls and boys could certainly benefit from further research. It is also disappointing, within an otherwise sound analysis, to see negative references to coeducation and "the disruption of mixed classes".

It is self-evident that academically selective schools will do better in tables of examination performance. Furthermore, it is historical fact that many or most of such schools are single-sex. To report that these schools occupy the top places, and then go on to conclude that this must make them the best schools, is an argument that is both circular and slightly tedious after all these years.

There are good schools and bad schools. Single-sex and coeducational schools fall into each category. Highly selective schools will always come at or near the top of exam performance league tables. That is the long and the short of it.

Yours faithfully,
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Shipping decline

From Professor James McConville

Sir, There are clear reasons for despondency over the decline in the number of those employed in Britain's merchant fleet (letter, September 7).

At the end of June 1997, according to this centre's latest research figures, 71 per cent of the fleet's 17,144 officers were over 40 years of age. The majority of them will be leaving the industry within the next decade or so. Such a large outflow of qualified labour would be of little moment if they were matched by similar inflows; but this is far from the case.

To ensure stability would require the recruitment of some 1,000 cadets (trainees) annually. For the past five years the average has been 211. Hence the number of ratings in employment (10,860 in 1997), combined with cadets in training (1,130), is well below the minimal critical point necessary to ensure the capacity of the UK shipping industry to fulfil its long-established commercial, economic and strategic obligations.

Yours sincerely,
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Ongoing crusade

From Mr Nicolas Walter

Sir, Now that Christians have apologised for the attack on Muslims in Palestine nine centuries ago (report, September 8), will Muslims apologise for the attack on Christians in Palestine four and a half centuries before that — and Italians and Greeks and Iraqis for attacks on Jews even earlier, and Jews for the attack on the Jebusites 2,000 years ago?

Where does it all stop, or start?

Yours etc,
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Forward planning

From Mr Trevor Randall

Sir, I have been given, by a great-aunt, the 1902 vest-pocket edition of Rogers's *200 Calendars for 200 Years* (Rogers Publishing Company of New York). It starts with January 1, 1800 (Wednesday), and finishes, as expected, on December 31, 1999 (Friday).

As this publication is nearly out of date I hope urgent steps are being taken to publish the next 200-year calendars before the millennium.

Yours faithfully,
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Duty-free sales

From Mrs Edwina Currie

Sir, Why should it be assumed that the end of duty-free shopping must inevitably result in an increase in fares on cross-Channel ferries (letters, September 8 and 14)?

If the operators replace the considerable floor-space currently occupied by whisky, cigarettes and fancy chocolates by goods most of us need on holiday and on our return, they could do very nicely out of it. Personally, I'd like branches of Boots, Marks and Spencer's and Tesco's; plus a bank, and a proper bookshop. The airports are now teeming with splendid shops, so why not the ferries?

And the booze and the chocs might actually be cheaper. Roll on, roll off, roll up . . .

Yours in hope,
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Walking wounded

From Mr Richard F. Pearce

Sir, I was intrigued to read of the failed bid by six soldiers to complete the John O'Groats to Land's End charity walk (report and photographs, September 9). Obviously, general fitness and adequate footwear are needed, but an efficient gait style is important.

In wet and slippery conditions, stride length must be shortened to avoid over-stretching muscles, which otherwise work excessively hard. An army may march on its stomach, but this group almost certainly require podiatric medical advice to keep them marching on their feet.

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Light reading

From Mr W. L. Barron

Sir, I was interested to learn of Lady Thatcher's reading (*Chemistry Today*) while she had her portrait painted (report, September 4).

During the war I went to be photographed. As the photographer was lining up his camera, he gave me a book to glance through, saying that it would help me to relax. Its title: *Executions that Went Wrong*.

Incidentally, the photo was a success; the girl for whom it was intended became my wife 55 years ago.

Yours faithfully,
W. L. BARRON,
2 Dudley Lodge,
Ferndale Close,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 3RR.
September 6.

Standing up for Sir Henry Wood

From Mr R. H. J. Cardew

Sir, It was nice to see Andrew Davis ask the audience for three cheers for Henry Wood on Saturday, at the last night of what I continue to call the BBC Henry Wood Promenade Concerts. Although Wood's bust still sits above the orchestra each season there appears to be an attempt by the BBC to limit the use of his name on this wonderful festival in favour of the "BBC Proms".

Last year's programme guide subtly informed us that the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts were now "more affectionately known" as The Proms. The personal profile and photograph of Henry Wood, which had for many years appeared in the guide, were missing.

Every programme that I have seen this season, entitled BBC Proms 98, has carried a page proclaiming that October 16, 1926, would have been the last night had it not been for the BBC's rescue of this "popular, but financially troubled, classical music festival". However, because of its popularity I have heard there were other parties at the time keen to finance the future of these concerts.

I must admit to being slightly biased as I am Henry Wood's only grandson. However, I understand, as did my mother, Wood's eldest daughter, that the BBC undertook to retain his name in the title of this wonderful season of music. It is over 50 years since my grandfather died, but he conducted almost every concert for the first 50 seasons and created, with Henry Newman, the finest music festival in the world.

It is only fitting and morally right that his name should live on more prominently in the title of these concerts.

The BBC should continue to use the title known to music lovers throughout the world and call them, in all its publicity material, the BBC Henry Wood Promenade Concerts.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD CARDEW,
The Coach House, South Side,
Steeple Aston, Oxfordshire OX6 3RY.
September 14.

Cost of opera tickets

From Mr Peter Avern

Sir, You report (September 10; see also leading article same day; letters, September 14) that "in the old house, tickets for a normal opera were between £110 and £135". These would have been the best stall seats. Prices in the amphitheatre (nearly half the seats in the house) were in the region of £35, and tickets for the slips could be had for £15 or less. As you say, prices for special performances were higher.

In this light the Royal Opera House does not seem so inaccessible. After all, people are prepared to pay at least as much to attend a pop concert or a Premier League football match.

Yours faithfully,
PETER AVERN,
Tyrone House, Water Lane,
Storrington, West Sussex RH20 3LX.
September 10.

Repelling the beasties

From Mr Joseph Fitton

Sir, It is particularly unpleasant to have Mývatn midges blocking up one's facial orifices (letters, September 5, 9 and 11), and fortunate indeed that they don't bite.

However, there was a wee local shop where one could buy an elongated Chinese lantern-like cage, covered by fine white mesh, to put over one's head.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
your obedient servant,
JOSEPH FITTON
(RAFVR meteorologist,
Reykjavik airfield, 1945),
Great Howarth House,
Rochdale, Lancashire OL12 9HH.
September 14.

From Miss Helen Rigby

Sir, I can confirm Mr Frank Day's advice (letter, September 11) to raise one's arm when trying to distract midges.

My father, with whom I have walked on several warm days over the past years through the Wyre Forest, always advocated holding a large sprig of fern above the head, rather like an umbrella. Flies and midges would always circle around that, instead of buzzing into your face.

It does, admittedly, make you look as if you are taking part in some animist procession, but it works.

Yours faithfully,
HELEN RIGBY,
213a Latchmere Road,
Battersea, SW11 2LA.
September 11.

Stanching the tears

From Mrs Jill Jackson

Sir, I also discovered the efficacy of wearing swimming goggles while peeling onions (letter, September 11) some thirty years ago. But one word of warning: one must remember to remove the goggles when answering the door, particularly here in Surbiton.

Yours etc,
JILL JACKSON,
11 Pine Walk,
Surbiton, Surrey KT5 8NJ.
September 11.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE

September 14: The Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia was invited to Lunch with The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh today when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of an Honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Civil Division of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

Councillor Mrs Margaret Farquhar (the Lord Provost, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Aberdeen) was present at Aberdeen Airport this morning upon the Arrival of The Crown Prince and welcomed His Royal Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

September 14: The Prince of Wales, President. The Prince of Wales's Foundation for Architecture and the Urban Environment, this morning visited Shoreditch, East London, and received a briefing on the design proposals for the Foundation's new premises.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited East Sussex and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson).

The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, visited St Mark's School, Whitehawk, Brighton, and received a briefing on projects started in the School as a result of Business in the Community's work with local businesses to improve the teaching of literacy and numeracy.

His Royal Highness afterwards visited the Brighton Foyer project and met residents and members of the local business community involved in supporting the Foyer's initiatives for homeless young people.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this evening attended a Dinner at Horsted Place Hotel, Uckfield, East Sussex, to thank supporters of the Trust.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

September 14: The Prince Edward, President, the Commonwealth Games Federation, this morning watched the netball and lawn bowls at Bukit Kiara, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, before attending a variety of Commonwealth Games sporting events this afternoon.

His Royal Highness attended the Royal Gala Evening at the Concert Hall, Petronas Twin Towers. The Prince Edward later left Kuala Lumpur for London.

KENSINGTON PALACE

September 14: The Duke of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Logistic Corps, this afternoon received Major General Martin White upon relinquishing his appointment as Director General Logistic Support (Army) and Major General Adrian Lyons upon assuming the appointment.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

September 14: The Duke of Kent today visited Kent and was received by Mr John Jennings (Deputy Lieutenant of the County).

His Royal Highness this morning opened the new drug treatment wing at HM Prison Swaleside, Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey, and subsequently visited HM Prison Elmley.

The Duke of Kent this afternoon visited the Intensive Supervision and Support Programme, Canterbury Probation Service, Barton Mill Road, Canterbury.

His Royal Highness afterwards visited the Alcohol and Drug Treatment Centre, Kent Council on Addiction, Wincheap, Canterbury. The Duke of Kent later visited Cornerstone, Alcohol and Drug Services, Marsham Street, Maidstone.

Birthdays today

Prince Henry of Wales is 14 today. Other birthdays include: the Rev Professor P.R. Ackroyd, theologian, 81; Mr Richard Arnell, composer and conductor, 81; Mr Charles Bone, mural and watercolour painter, 72; the Marquess of Bristol, 44; General Eva Burrows, former international leader, Salvation Army, 69; Mr T.J. Duggin, diplomat, 51; Lord Eden of Winton, 73; Professor Brian Fender, chief executive, Higher Education Funding Council for England, 64; Dr Richard Gordon, author, 77; Lord Harris of Peckham, 56; Professor Norman MacKay, former president, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, 62; Miss Jessye Norman, soprano, 53; Viscount Norwich, 69; Mr Glen Renfrew, former chief executive, Reuters, 70; Sir Clive Rose, former diplomat, 77; Lord Justice Schiemann, 61; Lady Soames, 76; Mr Oliver Stone, film director, 52; Sir Peter Studd, former Lord Mayor of London, 82; Mr Graham Taylor, football manager, 54; Sir Richard Way, former Principal, King's College London, 84; Sir John Williams, former diplomat, 76.

Latest wills

Lord Howell, Labour peer, of Moseley, Birmingham, as Denis Howell Minister of State for the Environment, 1974-79, left estate valued at £176,483 net.

Fred Jeffrey, of Morecambe, Lancashire ..... £696,803 net.

Memorial service

The Marchioness of Downshire

A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Marchioness of Downshire was held yesterday at St Mary's, Thornton Watlass, Yorkshire. The Rev David Ryan officiated, assisted by the Rev Derek Dalton. Mr Richard Taylor, son, read the lesson and the Earl of Hillsborough, stepson, read *Turn again to Life* by Mary Lee Hall. Sir Robin Chichester-Clark gave an address. The boys of Ripon Cathedral Choir, directed by Mr Kerry Beaumont, sang during the service. Among others present were: The Marquess of Downshire (husband), Mr and Mrs David Taylor (son and daugher-in-law), the Hon Neil and Mrs Campbell, Mr and Mrs Francis Sitwell and Mr and Mrs Sean Barton (brothers-in-law and sisters), Rosie Lady Kindersley (step-sister-in-law), the Countess of Hillsborough (stepdaughter-in-law), Lord and Lady Anthony Hill (stepson and stepdaughter-in-law) with other members of the family and friends.

Professor Herbert Nicholas

A Memorial Service for Professor Herbert George Nicholas, MA, FBA, Fellow of New College 1956-1978, Emeritus Fellow 1978-80, Honorary Fellow 1980-98, will be held on Saturday, October 24, 1998, in New College Chapel at 2.30pm.

Essex Lieutenancy

Mr Robert Felix Erith has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Essex.



CHRIS ISON

Plantation songs recall anti-slavery movement

SHEET MUSIC celebrating the sentiments of the anti-slavery movement of the last century were among a collection that was sold yesterday (Hannah Betts writes). Pieces such as "Scenes from Uncle Tom's Cabin", above, helped to push up the price to £5,000 at Phillips in Bath. They were part of one of the largest collections of illustrated sheet music to come to auction. Music from Walt Disney films, songs by band leaders of the 1930s and 1940s, and more recent pop music were featured. But the jewels of the Nancy Mortimer collection were 800 pieces of Victorian sheet music with sumptuous lithographic covers by artists of the period such as John Brandard and Alfred Concanen. Gill Atkins, Phillips's manuscript specialist, said: "Together, the artwork and music give a genuine sense of the time in which they were produced." Music-hall artists such as The Great Vance and George Leybourne, alias "Champagne Charlie", gaze beatifically from several covers. "Wreck of the Titanic", a musical sketch for the piano from 1912, which was sold for £100, offered a dramatic account of the doomed liner, with florid subtitles including "Afloat on the Ocean Blue" and "Lowering the Life-boats". Nancy Mortimer, the collection's owner, a retired nursery nurse, achieved some celebrity presenting lectures on Victorian music hall while dressed in contemporary costume. She said yesterday: "It's time to make the house look more spacious. But I'll never be able to resist the temptation of an antiques fair. I'll be keeping my eyes open."

Pipers of the world unite

BY ANGUS NICHOL



The Red Speckled Bull, which is notoriously difficult, was the winner, giving an outstandingly musical performance.

THE 114th Argyllshire Gathering heard pipers from ten countries, so widely has the interest in the music spread. A century ago there were usually six competitions, but at *Oban on August 26 and 27 there* were 13.

There were 30 competitors for the Highland Society of London's Gold Medal, the winner of which is marked out as one of the leading pipers in the world. This year Niall Matheson, from Inverness, won with *The Old Men of the Shells (Bodrick nan Slige)*.

Second was Pipe Major Stuart Samson, who played *The Earl of Seaforth's Salute*. Pipe Major Iain Macey came third with *The MacKays' Banner*, and Iain Speirs fourth with the *Lament for Colin Ray Mackenzie*.

The Senior Piobaireachd competition is open only to those who have already won the gold medal at Oban or Inverness. The eight set tunes were long and difficult: many have not been heard in competition for decades. Dr Angus MacDonald, who played which the origin is lost.

In the last stage of his tune the fire alarm went off, but such was MacIsaac's concentration that he continued as though unconscious of the interruption. Michael Rogers, playing *The Blue Ribbon*, came second. Another who played *All the Men Paid Rent but Rory* was Andrew Mathieson, who won third prize. In fourth place, Seumas Coyne played *The Munros' Salute*. Liam Brown was fifth with the *Salute to Donald*.

The MacGregor Memorial Piobaireachd Competition for young pipers was won by Margaret Houlihan, from Co Cork, with *All the Men Paid Rent but Rory* and *The Massacre of Glencoe*. Brian May, from Brooklyn, came second with *The Bicker* and *The MacDougalls' Gathering*. John Mulhearn, in third place, played *The Lament for Donald of Laggan* and *The King's Taxes*. A fourth prize went to Edward Gotstaf with *The Munros' Salute* and *The Groat*.

The Junior March, Strathspey and Reel event for the Duke of Argyll's Medal was won by Angus Morrison for the second time.

The silver medal competition was won by *Matt MacIsaac with All the Men Paid Rent but Rory*, of

School news

Lambrook Haileybury School

The Governors of Lambrook Haileybury School, Winkfield Row, announce the appointment of Mr Robert Deighton, currently Headmaster of Bruern Abbey School, as Headmaster of Lambrook Haileybury on the retirement of Mr John Hare in September 1999.

St David's College, Llandudno

The Autumn term started last week with Gareth Roberts as Head Boy, Tom Wollaston (Cader), Ivan Stewart (Snowdon), Ben Iliffe (Tryfan) as House Captains and Matthew Carrington as Senior Day Boy. Our first intake of girls, Ella Doel, Helena Chearman, Gayle Mitchell, Anna Winchurch and Deborah Gelder, have been warmly welcomed into the school. Old Davideans' weekend is on November 7 and 8 and term ends after the Carol Service on December 11.

Butchers' Company

The following have been appointed officers of the Butchers' Company: Master, Roger Moore; Wardens, John F Jackman, Douglas J Noakes, Michael J Richardson, William S Parker, Colin S Cullimore.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York will present the Professional Cricketers' Association Players of the Year Awards at the Lord's Indoor Cricket School, St John's Wood, London, at 7.15.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open St Helens town centre refurbished market at 1.30; will visit Robins Lane Community School, St Helens at 2.15; and will open St Mary's Care Centre, Halewood, Merseyside, at 3.20.

Appointments

Miss Caroline Elmes, 49, head of the South Asia Department at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, has been appointed Ambassador to Angola, from November, in succession to Mr Roger Hart, who will be transferring to a new Diplomatic Service appointment.

Mr Peter Spiceley, 56, Deputy Consul General and Director of Trade Promotion at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, has been appointed Ambassador to Costa Rica, from next January, in succession to Mr Alan Green, who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon C.L. Broughton and Miss N.J. Goggs

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant the Hon Charles Broughton, Grenadier Guards, son of Lord and Lady Fairhaven, of Lode, Cambridgeshire, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Quentin Goggs, of Easterton, Wiltshire.

Mr R. Cole and Miss M. Pearce

The engagement of Robert Cole and Madelaine Pearce, of Portsmouth, took place on February 14, 1998.

Mr N.R. Fincham and Miss J.C. Davies

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Fincham, of Trentham, Staffordshire, and Jessica, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Davies, of Sunningdale, Berkshire.

Mr J.D.A. Helliwell and Miss P.V. Hart

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs D.G.N. Helliwell, of Radlett, Hertfordshire, and Polly, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs N.J.R. Hart, of Watford, Hertfordshire.

Mr M.J.M. Jolly and Miss M.E. Laybourn

The engagement is announced between Marcus, son of Mr and Mrs Miles Jolly, of Burton-by-Lincoln, Lincolnshire, and Mette, daughter of Mr Helge Laybourn and Mrs Karen Marie Laybourn, of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Mr J.R.V. Michie and Miss I.J. Timmis

The engagement is announced between Rupert, elder son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Duncan Michie, of Broadwoodkelly, Devon, and Isobel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Timmis, of St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Mr M.R. Wickham and Miss L.C.D. Skantz

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Wickham, of Lindfield, West Sussex, and Lindsay, daughter of Mr Terry Rollo, of Atlanta, USA, and Mrs Carolyn Skantz, of Knivsta, Sweden.

Marriages

Captain T.H. Duff, KOSB, and Miss N.J. de Vink

The marriage took place on September 5, 1998, at the Church of St Andrew and St George, Edinburgh, of Captain Tom Duff, second son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Duff, of Edinburgh and Glenlsla, to Miss Natalie de Vink, daughter of Mr Peter de Vink, of Huntly Cot, Temple, and Mrs Jean de Vink, of Edinburgh. The Rev Andrew McLellan officiated.

Mr C. Ross and Miss K.M. Toms

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 5, 1998, at Barnsgate Manor Vineyard, Herons Ghyll, of Mr Christopher Ross to Miss Katherine Toms. Mr David Turvey was best man.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Titus Oates, Protestant plotter, Oakham, 1649; Agatha Christie, crime novelist, Torquay, 1891.

DEATHS: Sir Thomas Overbury, writer, poisoned in Tower of London, 1613; William Seward Burroughs, adding machines pioneer, Cincinnati, Alabama, 1898.

Today is Battle of Britain Day.

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BIRTHS

BAUDEY - In Amsterdam on September 14th 1998 to Serena (née Zilliacus) and Pierre-Laurent, a daughter, Mlia Alena.

BOURNE - On 7th September 1998 to Lucy and Ian, two daughters, Frances and Emily, sisters for Sebastian and Hebe.

BROAD - On Wednesday September 9th 1998 to Claire (née Watson) and Nicholas, a son, Charles Hugh Nicholas.

BROOKE - On September 12th to Katie and Edward, a son, Thomas Michael.

CARRINGTON - On September 2nd 1998 to Ann (née Rees) and Philip, two sons and a daughter, Thomas Alexander Rees, Benjamin David Rees and Elicia Grace, two brothers and a sister for Lydia.

CUNNINGHAM-REID - On Friday September 11th at the Portland Hospital to Joanna and Charlie, a son.

DINGLE - On September 10th to Lovie (née Tan) and David, a son, Timothy Julian Charles, a brother for Dominic.

EALES - On September 1st at The Portland Hospital to Wendy (née McGibbon) and John, twins, Gregory and Alexander.

ETEROVIC - On September 11th at The Portland Hospital to Eugenia and Adrian, a son, Thomas Francis, a brother for Lucas and Nicholas.

FLEMING - On September 10th 1998, to Jane (née Carter) and Phillip, a son, Robert.

FREYTAG - On September 11th at The Portland Hospital to Kristen and Tom, a daughter, Ailsa Clare, a sister for Dylan and Nathan.

HALE - On August 17th 1998 in New York to Louise and Martin, a daughter, Emma Louise. A sister for Nicholas and Christopher.

HARPER - On September 10th at The Portland Hospital to Fiona (née MacNeal) and David, a daughter, Isla, a sister for Angus.

JENNI - On Thursday September 10th to Sara (née Lovick) and Nicolas, a son, Alexander Nicolas David, a brother for Oliver.

JOSEPH - On September 11th at The Portland Hospital to Andrea and Adam, a daughter. Mikayla Alexis.

JOHNSON-FERGUSON - On Saturday September 12th 1998 to Rachel (née Peddie) and James, a son, Edward Herbert, a brother for Phoebe.

LAKER - On September 7th at The Portland Hospital to Trish (née Holmes) and Paul, a daughter, Ciara Jane, their first child.

LESCHALLAS - On September 5th to Jo (née Lywood) and Simon, a son Hubert 'Bertie' Edmund Pigé, a brother for Kitty and a half brother for Marie-Clair.

MANN - On September 7th at home, to Helen (née Lambert) and Roly, a wonderful boy, James Lewis Hammond, a brother for Luke and Grace.

MATTHEWS - On September 10th at The Portland Hospital to Deborah and Ian, a son, Alexander Charles, younger brother to Max.

MEREDITH - On Thursday September 10th to Samantha (née Pamplin) and Philip, a daughter, Hebe Alexandra Imogen, a sister for Henry.

O'NEILL - On 14 September to Claire (née Bannerman) and Michael, a son, Hector Harry.

PARKER - On September 10th 1998 to Caroline (née Heelas) and Hugo, a son, Oliver Henry Lamond, a brother for Anna.

SETHI - On September 3rd at The Portland Hospital to Suman and Shailandra, a son, Amar Chander.

SIDWELL - on Sunday September 13th, 1998, to Clare (née Engerran) and Paul, a son, Benjamin Dale.

VON FURTH - On September 10th at The Portland Hospital to Daisy and Robert, a daughter, Georgina Julia, a sister for Wolfgang.

DEATHS

AMES-LEWIS - On 10th September 1998, aged 19, suddenly in his sleep, Marcus Francis Roach, beloved son, unforgettable brother, cherished grandson, nephew and cousin, and precious friend to many. His funeral service will be held on Friday 18th September at 12, noon at St. Nicholas Church, Church Street, London W4 followed by interment. Flowers - enquiries to Andrew Holmes and son, 92 Whitton Road, Hounslow, TW3 2DQ. 0181 572 3277

BEARD - Stephen Ralph William Beard MBE formerly Lt. Col Int. Corps. On 11th September 1998. Funeral 18th September 1998. Enquiries: 01497 852381

BUCKLEY - On September 13th the Rt Hon. Sir Denys Burton, former Lord Justice of Appeal, much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. Private funeral, no flowers please, but donations may be sent to the Merchant Taylors' Company Charities Fund at 30 Threadneedle Street, London EC2. The date of a memorial Service will be announced later.

CARTER BRAINE - Eric, died very peacefully at Glen House, Laxey, Isle of Man on Saturday September 12th, 1998, in his 101st year. Beloved husband of the late Ellinor, much loved father of Pamela, grandfather of Guy and Judy and great-grandfather of William and Ruth. He will be remembered with much love and affection by all his family and many friends. A man of great character who had a distinguished life, especially throughout his career with Thos & Jas. Harrison Ltd. Cremation will be held on Thursday 17th September, 11.30am at Douglas Borough Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to the Eye Clinic, Noble's Hospital, Douglas, Isle of Man. Enquiries to Corkhill & Callow, Funeral Directors. Tel:01624 813114

DERRATES - On September 12th, in Montellimar, France, John F Defrates, CBE. Deeply missed by his daughter Clare Defrates-Pénélon and her husband Jean-Marc and family and his many friends.

DSENIS - In remembrance of Vladimir Dsenis who fell asleep on 5th August 1998 and whose soul now reposes in a place of brightness.

EREAUT - Sir Frank Herbert Cobbold, Bailiff of Jersey 1975-1985, on 12th September aged 79 years. Devoted husband of Kay, loving father of Elizabeth and father-in-law of Stephen, dearest grandpa of Benedict and Rosamond. Enquiries to Pitcher & Le Quesne Ltd Funeral Directors, Tel:01534 33330

FOWLER - Robert Alan, aged 71, loved and loving husband to Jan, Daddy to Gill, Lindy and Penny and Grandpa to Becky, James, Ben, Sebsaid and Emilie, died peacefully on 11th September 1998 at dawn with family around him. After a private cremation there will be a service to celebrate his life at St Andrew's Church, Letcombe Regis, Oxfordshire, on Friday 18th September at 2pm. Family flowers only, but donations in his memory may be made to British Heart Foundation or Sir Michael Sobell House (Hospice), c/o Knapps Funeral Directors, Church Street, Wantage, Oxon.

GRANDFIELD - Nigel John, suddenly after a short illness, on 11th September 1998 at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, aged 60. Most beloved Husband of Susie and brother of Julian. Funeral at Hawkley Church, near Petersfield, Hampshire, on Friday 18th September at 3.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Oral Surgery Trust Fund, Maxillofacial Unit, Queen Alexandra Hospital, Cosham PO6 3LY.

HALLETT - (Ponteland). Peacefully on September 11th aged 86 years. Professor G.E. Maurice Hallett, former dean of Newcastle School of Dentistry, beloved husband of the late Anna, father of Christabel, Freya and Alison. Funeral service at West Road Crematorium, Newcastle on Monday September 21st at 10am. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, may be sent to Macmillan Nurses Fund, Arthurs Hill Clinic, Diana Street, Newcastle NE4 6BT.

To place death notices, acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

HOPKINS - John Oxley, aged 70, peacefully at home on September 11th 1998. Husband of Jane, father of Louise Sanna and Charlie and father-in-law of Alistair. Deeply loved by his family. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at the Parish Church, Donhead St Andrew on Wednesday September 23rd at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Leonard Cheshire Care at Home Service, The Old Barr, Tisbury Brewery, Church Street, Tisbury, Wilts SP3 6NH.

HUNTER - Dr. Michael James. Died suddenly but peacefully at his home in Jersey on Friday 11th September 1998, aged 73 years. Devoted and dearly loved husband of Lois, much loved by his children Simon, Deborah and Hugh and his grandchildren in Australia and England. All enquiries please to HW Maillard and Son Ltd Funeral Directors Tel:01534 37291

KIDD - Loraine on September 12th after high courage in attempted recovery from August heart damage. Greatly loved by husband Gerald and children Sally, Anthony, Tessa, Cilla, Geraldine and their children. Funeral private, family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 44 Lincolns Inn Fields, WC2A or RNLI.

LILLEY - Irene formerly Vice-Principle Maris Grey College, Twickenham, died peacefully on September 10th at the Pines Nursing Home, Putney. Dearly loved and admired by all who knew her to the end of her life. Funeral Service on Monday September 21st at Holy Trinity Church, Roehampton at 2.30pm followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium at 3.30pm. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimer's Disease Society, c/o T H Sanders and Sons, 13/14 Medfield Street, Roehampton SW15 4JZ. Tel: 0181 789 8855

MacEWAN - Norah Theresa (née Baker), died peacefully at home on 10th September 1998. Very much loved wife of Donald and mother of Tess, Sally and Mary. Funeral on Wednesday 16th September at 2.45pm at West London Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Westminster Carers. All enquiries to Barnes & Sons 0181 743 4312.

MOGFORD - Clive, on 9th September at home. Much loved and loving husband of Arpits and father of Maddie. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday 17th September at 1.30pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Crossroads, Kensington and Chelsea c/o J.H. Kenyon, 74 Rochester Row, London SW1P 1JU.

MOORE - Ralph Geoffrey, M.D., F.R.C.P., Retired Physician, Portsmouth Hospitals, subsequently Dean of Post-Graduate Medicine, Wessex Region. Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Died peacefully September 11th 1998. Cremation Service family only, Tuesday September 22nd, followed by Service of Thanksgiving at Holy Trinity Church, West Street, Fareham, Hampshire at 3.00pm. Everyone welcome. No flowers, donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, c/o M Coghlan Ltd, Westbury Road, Fareham, PO16 7XU.

MULLOY - Captain Alexander, late of the 17th/21st Lancers. Dearly loved son of Michael and the late Deidre. Cherished step-son of Theda, beloved brother of Toti and Meg, husband of Tia and father of Rosa who adored him. He died, aged 36, by his own hand in Germany on the 10th of September. Funeral Service at Alkham Church (behind the pub), near Dover, at 11.30am on the 21st of September. Enquiries to Hambrook & Johns 01303 820109.

PEACOCK - On September 12th 1998 at Papworth Hospital, Edward Francis, aged 77 years. He gave strength to us all. Memorial Service at St Peter's Church, Brubyard, Suffolk on Thursday September 17th at 3pm. No flowers please, but donations to British Lung Foundation, R.C.P.S. 234 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2. Tel: 0141 2044110.

PHILLIPS - On 12th September died peacefully aged 78, Major Peter William Garside MC (rtd). Devoted father of Mark and Sarah and proud grandfather of Peter, Zara and Stephanie, devoted husband of the late Anne Patricia. Will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Funeral Service to be held at St. Peter and St. Paul, Great Somerford on Friday 18th September at 2.00pm. Family flowers only.

POWELL - Vincent Tom FRCS, on September 12th 1998 aged 91 at home in Midhurst, West Sussex. Devoted husband of Molly and much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. The funeral will be held at Chichester Crematorium on Thursday 17th September at 12 noon. Family flowers only but any donations to Cancer Research, c/o L F Lintott and Son, North Street Midhurst GU29 9DG.

RENOUF - Francis Henry (Frank), KB order of Merit (Germany) 31679 Capt. 2nd NZEF, WWII, (formerly of Eaton Court). On September 13th, 1998, peacefully at home in Wellington, New Zealand. Loved father and father-in-law of Paula Renouf, Frances and Stephen Underwood, Catherine and Ross Campbell and John and Sochesta Renouf. Loved grandfather of Caroline, Amy and Andrew Underwood, David, Juliette, Adam and Paul Campbell. Beloved brother and brother-in-law of Jack and Dawn Renouf (Rotorua) and Marie and Bryan Curtin (Sydney). Messages to 2 Central Terrace, Kelburn, Wellington, New Zealand. A Funeral Service for Sir Francis will be held in Wellington, on Thursday September 17th 1998.

SECKER - Adrian John Martin, on Saturday September 12th at home, after a short illness, aged 74. Beloved husband of Anthea, loving father of Tommy (died 1991), Alice and Kitty and grandfather of Luke, Maisie and Willa. Funeral Friday September 18th at 2.30pm.

SMITH - Jeffrey (Capt.) R.A.P.C. aged 79 years, passed away on Saturday 12th September 1998, at Rivermead Nursing Home, Norton, Malton, North Yorkshire. Funeral Service at St. Mary's Priory Church, Old Malton at 1.00pm on Friday 18th September, followed by private cremation at York Crematorium. Donations in lieu of flowers to St. Catherines Hospice, Scarborough. A plate will be provided at the service. Sadly missed by all your friends.

TADROS - On 13th September 1998, peacefully at home after a short illness, Dr Victor Rafla (Taddy), age 84, dearly loved by his wife Roma, his children Edward and Vicky, his grandchildren William, Beatrice and Henry and his daughter-in-law Tamsen. Funeral Service Friday 18th September, 2.30pm at Bournemouth Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth.

TUNNELL - Wendy (née Packard), peacefully but suddenly at home on Thursday 10th September 1998. Wife of the late John Tunnell, mother of Jonathan, Phillipps and William. A Funeral Service will be held at Mortonhall Crematorium, Main Chapel, Howden Hall Road, Liberton, Edinburgh, on Thursday 17th September at 3.00pm. Family flowers only please, any donations will be gratefully received by the Young Musicians Trust, East Court, Newton Broxburn, West Loathian EH52 6QH.

WILLIAMS - Owen Robert, aged 39, beloved youngest child of John and Margaret, suddenly but peacefully on 9th September, at Harefield where, 12 years ago, by gift of a donor and with skilled medical care he received a new heart. Deeply loved and loving fiance of Helen, brother of Clarissa and husband Christopher and Gareth and wife Nicola. Treasured and devoted uncle to Lydia, Joseph, Phoebe, Felix, Emily and Finn. Cremation at 4.00pm on Thursday 17th September at City of London Crematorium, Aldersbrook Road, London E12. Family flowers only. Donations welcome to: Harefield Hospital (Nursing Office), Harefield Site, Hill End Road, Harefield, Middlesex UB9 6JH. (Specifying for transplant use, please).

WILSON - Peacefully after a short illness at Perth Royal Infirmary on September 11th 1998, John Lamont of Springbank, Darkfaulds, Blairgowrie. Market gardener and SNP Councillor. A service of commemoration will be held Wednesday September 16th at 2pm in St Andrews Church, Blairgowrie. Family flowers only. Donations may be given to Chest, Heart and Stroke, Scotland.

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GEORGE WALLACE

George Wallace, the former four-term Governor of Alabama, died in Montgomery, Alabama, on September 13 aged 79. He was born in Clio, Alabama, on August 25, 1919.

Crippled by an assassination attempt while making his third bid for the White House in 1972, George Wallace had first come to prominence with his 1962 defiant cry of "Segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation for ever". That slogan, delivered in his first gubernatorial inaugural address, went round the world, as did the photograph of him a year later standing in "the schoolhouse door" of the University of Alabama vainly trying to prevent the admission of two black students to the campus. "In all precision," Theodore White was to write in his *Making of the President* account of the 1968 presidential campaign, "George Wallace was an unabashed racist" — and that remained the public perception of him through his abortive 1972 bid for the presidency as well.

But, in reality, it was probably more accurate to regard Wallace as one of the most successful, and certainly one of the most enduring, of a long line of anti-intellectual, populist demagogues reaching back to Huey Long. In 1968, in the second of his three attempts to gain control of the White House, Wallace achieved more votes than any third party candidate since Theodore Roosevelt in 1912. Almost equally remarkably, when as a reformed "racist" he retired from an unprecedented fourth term as Governor of Alabama in 1987, he had (his wheelchair notwithstanding) controlled the politics of his state for 20 out of the previous 24 years.

Wallace's life and career demonstrated the metamorphosis of Deep South politics. From the blatant segregationism of the 1960s, he slowly modified his approach until, even by 1972, his appeals to prejudice were more discreetly coded under such terms as "law and order".

It was in that campaign, while he was shaking hands in the midst of a crowd in a shopping centre on the last day of electioneering for Maryland's presidential primary on May 15, 1972, that he was shot at point-blank range by Arthur Bremer, a 21-year-old white gunman using a .38 calibre snub-nosed revolver. (He is till serving the 63-year sentence awarded him in June 1972.) Wallace sustained three bullet wounds in the stomach and arm, with one lodging in his spine, paralysing him permanently from the waist down. Yet this attempted assassination curtailed his political career only temporarily.

The strength of will he showed in coming to terms with his paralysis and the way in which he continued afterwards with his political career impressed even his most implacable opponents. He went on to complete two more consecutive four-year terms as Governor of Alabama, and by 1983, when he returned to the governor's mansion, he had courted black support effectively enough to capture a third of Alabama's black votes.

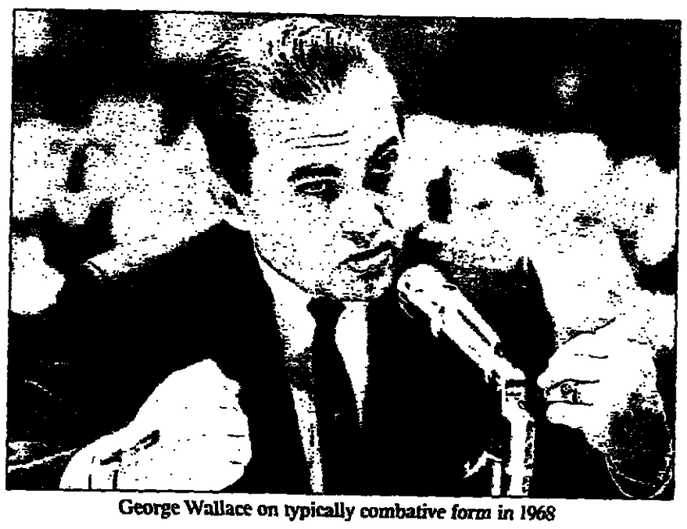
George Corley Wallace's family was respected and well-known politically. His grandfather had served as a county judge, and Wallace had his first taste of political campaigning at the age of 13. At 16 he became a page boy in the state senate of Alabama. Two years later, however, his father, an unsuccessful farmer, died and Wallace had to put himself through Alabama University by working as a waiter and a taxi driver. He was a popular student and a noted athlete, twice winning state amateur boxing titles in a Golden Gloves championship before his 18th birthday. He graduated in 1942 with a law degree and was called to the Alabama Bar that year. During the war he served in the United States Army Air Force in the Pacific theatre as a flight engineer, finishing with the rank of sergeant.

From his university days, he had been compulsively ambitious politically. While serving in the Pacific, he had assiduously cultivated voters in his native constituency, sending out hundreds of Christmas cards each year. In 1946, he was appointed assistant attorney-general and the following year he was elected to the Alabama state legislature. He became the protégé of James ("Kissing Jim") Folsom who, in 1954, captured the governorship of Alabama from the wealthy landowners who had previously controlled the Democratic Party in the state.

In 1953, Wallace became a judge in the third judicial district, where he earned the nickname, from his natural pugnacity, of the "fighting little judge". Five years later, he ran for election to the governorship of Alabama for the first time. Remarkably, given his later policies and reputation, he assumed the guise of a racial moderate. This, however, merely reflected the racial attitudes of the time rather than any inherent liberalism on Wallace's part. His opponent was an extreme supporter of segregation. Thus Wallace violently attacked the Ku Klux Klan and won the endorsement, however reluctantly, of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People. He was soundly beaten. He declared later that he had been "out-niggered," adding: "I'm not going to be outniggered again."

Nor was he. In 1962 he overwhelmed his former patron, Folsom, in the gubernatorial election on an out-and-out segregationist ticket. The Kennedys' attempts to accelerate desegregation of southern life by legal process enabled Wallace to pose as protector of state's rights against federal "tyranny" at the hands of what he always rejoiced in calling "pointy-headed bureaucrats".

In 1964 he made his first venture into national politics, managing to get his name onto the ballot list in three primary contests for the presidency and attracting more than a third of the votes in each case. He again drew international attention when he tried to change Alabama's constitution to enable him to be elected for a second successive term as governor and thus to provide himself with a secure base to attack the presidency in 1968. Thwarted in this, he secured instead the election of his wife as governor despite her ill-health and record of operations for cancer (from which she was to die during the 1968 presidential campaign). His position as her official "number one adviser" in the Alabama military department enabled him to continue his control of Alabama politics, which traditionally had involved a good deal of intimidation and political corruption.



George Wallace on typically combative form in 1968

For much of his career, Wallace's demagoguery, like that of many of his rivals and predecessors from the Deep South, involved ruthless exploitation of the resentment and opposition of the white rural population against black advancement and civil rights. As a result, his name became anathema to northern liberal intellectuals as represented in such organisations as Americans for Democratic Action.

Yet, to the fury of such individuals, Wallace, like Robert Kennedy, could transcend the normal patterns of electoral behaviour. In his 1968 campaign for the presidency, for example, he was able to appeal both to the white-collar respectable commuters of the Eastern seaboard and to the "hard hat" blue-collar workers of the cities of the industrial North. He articulated equally the fears and suspicions of the "redneck" rural poor and of the white ethnic urban inhabitants of the inner cities.

In 1968, Wallace recognised that the liberal centre and radical wings of the Democratic Party were united in determination to break the white segregationist hold over southern politics, even to the extent of refusing to accept, automatically, the credentials of the dominant party delegations (for instance, from Mississipi) and seating instead mixed delegations. He, therefore, formed a third party, the American Independence Party, as a vehicle for his second bid for the presidency.

As a man, he had few friends within politics and none outside. He had no personal interests and no hobbies. Politics was his life, especially campaign politics. He was the most approachable of men, both to the press and to the public. His personal characteristics, however, tended to raise hackles mong the fastidious. He was a great picker of his teeth and a *Times* correspondent once noted that he was given to scratching himself in public and burping unashamedly.

After rallies, he would lapse into brooding loneliness. His first wife, Lurleen, whom he married in 1943 when she was working in a dime-store, was regarded as his complete slave. His second, Cornelia, whom he married in 1970, was of a different background, the well-educated niece of his former patron, Governor George Folsom. She did a certain amount to smooth his rougher edges, but he remained very sensitive to any suggestion that she was masterminding his campaigns or even contributing to their effectiveness.

Wallace had a deep-rooted desire for political power, a combativeness disproportionate even by the standards of American politics — and an indomitable courage. He was, for example, terrified of flying; yet he flew regularly and had served in the war as a flight engineer. He feared assassination and addressed crowds from behind a bullet-proof podium. Yet he left its shelter after each speech and plunged into the crowd — and thus laid himself open to the attempted assassination.

It was the intensity of his ambitions that led him to spend the decade after becoming a paraplegic not in obscure retirement but in maintaining his place in Alabama politics. The result was that ten years later he was able to capture the Democratic nomination in the primaries for the governorship of his native state by a run-off vote and to go on to win the subsequent election.

But he himself always regarded 1968 and 1972 as the years of his prime achievement. In 1968, despite multifarious legal obstacles, Wallace got his party onto the ballot in all 50 states, carried five of them states and won nearly 10 million votes, or about 13.5 per cent of the popular vote — a postwar record that was to stand until Ross Perot won 19 per cent of the national vote (though without winning a single state) in 1992. But with his first wife's death in May 1968, Wallace lost his power base in Alabama to the lieutenant-governor who tried, with momentary success, to shake Wallace's position in the state. His failure to do so on any long-lasting basis was demonstrated in 1970, when Wallace was again elected to the governorship.

At the time of his attempted assassination in 1972, Wallace had made himself a major force to be reckoned with. His victories in Florida, Tennessee, North Carolina and Maryland showed that he still could command the loyalties of the southern and border states. The liberal measures to give all children an equal educational opportunity by mixing the social constitution of the schools, even at the cost of long "bussing" trips for pupils, had awakened the fears of white voters even in such unlikely places as Boston, Massachusetts.

The Democratic convention took place while he was in hospital recovering from the assassination attempt, and, although he controlled 323 delegates, he had no lieutenants to divine, in his absence, which way they should vote. In the event, the convention was taken over by the Left of the party, led by Senator George McGovern, of South Dakota. There was nothing in McGovern's "rainbow coalition" appeal for Wallace's supporters.

Wallace was the fourth American political figure to be the subject of an assassination attempt in nine years and the only one to survive. In the immediate wake of the attack, he won big victories in the Democratic primaries in Maryland and in Michigan. His voting strength tended to come from the male under-educated — though in Michigan half his support came from traditional Republican voters crossing party lines. In that sense, his removal from the contest was a benefit to Richard Nixon who — in his steamroller victory over George McGovern in the November presidential election — mopped up almost all the primary voters who had earlier gone for Wallace.

He made a further bid for the presidency after Nixon's disgrace over Watergate. In 1976 he put a toe into the primaries but withdrew it when he noticed that the crowds that turned out for him were a shadow of what they had been. He put this down to the presence of his wheelchair — and angrily argued with friends who reminded him that Franklin Roosevelt had got to the White House four times with the same immobility. "Yeah, they may have elected Roosevelt but the voters didn't have to watch him on television every night getting hauled onto a plane like he was half-dead."

In June Wallace announced his withdrawal, giving his backing to another Southerner, Jimmy Carter of Georgia, who went on to beat Gerald Ford in the 1976 November election.

The secret of Wallace's success — even after he had thrown away his more racist lines — always lay in the way he treated the federal government as though it were a sectional interest, totally isolated from other regions or classes. He never tired of the theme of the "little fellah" battling to survive against the depredations of Washington. And he knew the power of codewords — the Eastern press, liberals, communists, federal judges, welfare programmes soon taking the place of black agitators, miscegenation and all the rest. He himself liked to claim that he had spotted the aspiration for local white middle-class empowerment long before Ronald Reagan made it the key to his new popular conservatism.

But by 1982, when he had lowered his sights to returning to the governor's mansion in Montgomery, Wallace had largely banished even his coded undertones (he had, no doubt, taken on board the fact that black voters were by then a factor to be reckoned with).

Wallace married Lurleen Burns on May 23, 1943. They had three daughters and a son. Three years after her death, he married, in 1971, Mrs Cornelia Snively, née Austin, niece of his former patron, Governor Folsom. They were divorced in 1978; he married his third wife, Lisa Taylor, a country singer. They were divorced in 1987. He is survived by the four children of his first marriage.

YANG SHANGKUN

Yang Shangkun, Chinese Communist leader, died yesterday aged 91. He was born in 1907.

YANG SHANGKUN was one of the last of China's Communist revolutionaries. A veteran of the Long March, he became a powerful figure in the Chinese communist regime, and was at one time considered — not least by himself — as a potential successor to his long-standing ally Deng Xiaoping, the country's paramount leader. By the time Deng died last year, however, Yang had long since been sidelined, though he remained influential behind the scenes, and made an official visit to Hong Kong as recently as January this year. Like Deng, he was in favour of modernising China's economy and institutions, but firmly opposed to political liberalisation. He will be remembered above all as the man who ordered the Army to attack peaceful pro-democracy demonstrators in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

At the peak of his career Yang held two official posts. The first, that of President, which he occupied from 1988, was on the face of it the more exalted, but was a largely ceremonial position. Yang's real power came from his long-standing role as Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC). With an ineffectual Chairman of the CMC above him, Yang became the man in charge of the day-to-day running of the Army. He took advantage of his influence to nudge his supporters into positions of power within the military — his younger half-brother, Yang Baibing, for instance, was head of the Army's General Political Department, responsible for maintaining ideological purity in the ranks, and became secretary-general of the CMC.

Yang was widely thought to be building up a power base in order to take supreme power when Deng died. Deng chose to curb those ambitions, however, and instead groomed Jiang Zemin as his successor. Yang was forced to retire from his official positions in 1992.

By then he had earned the dubious distinction of having been the man who implemented Deng's order to crush the student-led demonstrations of June 1989. Yang had supported Deng's reforming initiatives throughout the 1980s but, like his veteran revolutionary comrades, he was unable to countenance any threat to the dictatorship of the Communist Party. In May 1989 he warned the soon-to-be-disgraced party leader Zhao Ziyang that "if the nature of the student movement changed, we would be toppled." He then told troops that they were to obey orders no matter what. The efforts of Yang's younger brother, as the military's chief political commissar, had already ensured that troops were unlikely to question the party line, and two weeks later they went in shooting; a massacre ensued.

For seven years before that, Yang had worked with Deng on the modernisation and streamlining of the Army, cutting it by a million men, pressing it to become economically efficient by producing goods for a civilian market, and lowering the age of officers. "Yang left his imprints by carrying out the major decisions of Chairman Deng Xiaoping", said China's official news agency when he became President.

Short and stocky, with silver hair and a nice line in Western suits when not in uniform, Yang could appear a charming man, yet he was widely disliked among the Chinese even before his part in the Beijing massacre. It is believed that there was substantial opposition to his influence with the Army too.

One typical (and possibly apocryphal) story about Yang which circulated widely by word of mouth was that after paying an official visit to a factory in the south-east, he rang the managers and demanded that they send him an antique ink stone which was part of the factory's collection. They were unhappy about parting with such a valuable artefact, and so sent him a similar stone worth slightly less. He sent back a message that he was not satisfied with the stone they had sent him; they were to send the other one too. Above all, he said, he had to give one to his good friend Deng Xiaoping.



After falling from favour during the Cultural Revolution, Yang returned rapidly to power alongside Deng. He was elected to the party central committee, and then became Secretary-General of the National People's Congress and, a year later, permanent vice-chairman of the all-powerful Central Military Commission. In 1982 he was elected to the Politburo.

He travelled widely, visiting the United States, Canada, France, the Middle East and Latin America. The Chinese media stressed that he was a vigorous and energetic leader, saying that he was a keen swimmer and that "although advanced in years, Yang never sits long in his office".

Yang was born in Sichuan Province, whence Deng Xiaoping also came. He was not of obvious revolutionary stock, coming from a wealthy landlord family. At the age of 18 he joined the Communist Youth League and a year later the Communist Party, working in the underground student movement at Shanghai University. From 1927 until 1931, he studied in Moscow, and returned to take charge of communist propaganda in the trade unions and later to edit the *Red China* newspaper. In the mid-1930s he embarked on the gruelling Long March. Few women took part in that march, but one of them, Li Bozhao, would later become a playwright and his wife.

After the Communist victory, he rose through the political propaganda ranks of the military. But he fell foul of the Cultural Revolution. Red Guards accused him of bugging Chairman Mao's telephone, and lampooned him in wall posters listening in to private conversations. He was arrested, condemned at a public rally or "struggle session", and thrown into prison from 1966 to 1978, one of the longest stretches of imprisonment suffered by any of the leadership. He was luckier than many, however, in that nobody in his family was killed. His wife, Li Bozhao, was arrested with him and made to clean lavatories. She remained in poor health after their release and died in 1985. A few years after her death, when Yang Shangkun had become President, his name was linked with a 50-year-old Vice-Mayor of Peking, Wu Yi, but their rumoured romance came to nothing. Yang's son, Yang Shaoming, became a well-known photographer. He denied that his success had anything to do with nepotism, but his most successful pictures were portraits of Deng Xiaoping.

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Stephen Treharne
Joint Liquidator

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3 the date of the resolution for payment out of capital is 11th September 1998;
4 a statutory declaration and auditors' report required by section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office, and
5 any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the date of the resolution for payment out of capital apply to the Court under section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting the payment.
Garrick Grove
Company secretary
Dated: 11th September 1998

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2 the amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £463,000;
3 the date of the resolution for payment out of capital is 11th September 1998;
4 a statutory declaration and auditors' report required by section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office, and
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J B Stephenson
Joint Liquidator

A DYNAMITE PLOT

The arrest at Boulogne of P.J. Tynan, the notorious Fenian conspirator, turns out to have been only one of a series of measures by which the English police, with efficient support from the police of France and Belgium, have captured the active agents in what is believed to be an extensive dynamite conspiracy. For some time past officials at Scotland-yard have been aware, through their agents in the United States, that a plot was being concocted in the States by Fenians, in co-operation with Russian nihilists, to perpetrate dynamite outrages in Great Britain, one part of the design being an attempt on the life of the Tsar during his visit to this country.

A short time ago it became known that several of the suspected plotters had left America for Europe. They were effectively "shadowed" by detective emissaries and their every movement watched. The party proceeded first to Paris, and, after staying there for some time together, dispersed in different directions. Two of them went to Antwerp, where they established in a small house in a suburb a regular factory of dynamite bombs. Another, a man named Bell, proceeded to Glasgow, where he has been staying for a week at the Victoria Hotel.

On Saturday morning the house in Antwerp was surrounded and entered by the police, who found there a complete apparatus for the manufacture of bombs and a quantity of dynamite. The two men had disappeared, but they had been tracked to Rotterdam, where they were arrested in an hotel on Saturday night. In their room were found a number of infernal machines, together with some incriminating correspondence. Their names are Wallace and Haines. A few hours later Tynan was arrested at Boulogne.

The man Bell was taken into custody at Glasgow on Saturday on instructions from Scotland-yard. When arrested he said that he was not a British subject, but an American tourist, and he refused to give any other information about himself. In his luggage were found documents showing that he had been in regular communication with Tynan. These he alleged he had "found in a lavatory".

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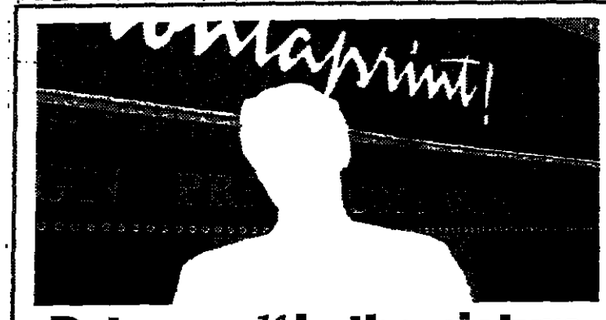
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A Personal Adviser Service is being set up under this New Deal as a joint initiative between the Department for Education and Employment and the Department of Social Security. The Service will be piloted initially in 12 areas covering a range of urban and rural labour markets with varying levels of incapacity and employment. The first six, to be run by the Employment Service, will start in October 1998. The remainder will be put out to open tender and start in early 1999. We are now seeking expressions of interest from potential bidders in running the second phase of the Personal Adviser Service pilots.

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2 Award Procedure	Accelerated restricted procedure.
3 Nature of Contract	Execution of Works.
4 Site	North Lanarkshire Council Area.
5a) Works	**Housing Maintenance Contracts** The provision of six responsive multi trade repairs maintenance and painterwork contracts for the Council's housing stock with contracts covering between approximately 6,000 and 11,800 houses at an annual value of between £1,950,000 and £4,100,000. Additionally there will be separate contracts for *Adaptations, Fencing, Footpaths, Lifts, Laundries,* Electrical Services, Fire Alarms, Lightning Conductors, PVCu Doors, Colourwash/Re-Render and Gas and Solid Fuel Central Heating Maintenance. Total approximate annual value of all the housing contracts is £30,000,000
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7 Preparation of Plans	No.
8 Contract Duration	As detailed in the contract documents with start dates from April/May 1999 to various dates not exceeding 30 April 2004
9 Legal form to be taken by the grouping of contractors	Joint and several liability
10 Deadline for receipt of applications	8 October 1998
11 Address	Director of Administration (Contract Enquiries) PO Box 14, Civic Centre, Motherwell ML1 1TW
12 Language	English
13 Final date for the dispatch of the invitation to tender	11 November 1998 or other date to meet contract requirements
14 Deposits and Guarantees	Performance bond and/or Parent Company Guarantee may be required in appropriate cases.
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16 Qualifications	As contained in the documentation in accordance with European and other appropriate Legislation.
17 Award criteria	As contained in the documentation.
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BY RODNEY HOBSON

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They can ring Cellnet, the mobile phone company, to dictate their e-mails and faxes. Harassed executives can drive through busy city streets confident that their messages will be typed up and waiting for them.

The inevitable spread of the garrulous society has been made possible by the development of, and improvements to, computers that can recognise speech. State-of-the-art equipment is being supplied by Speech Machines, a specialist in voice-recognition equipment.

The new Cellnet service is called *Dictation Line*. Successful trials uncovered a solicitor who found that he could rattle off 30 letters or meeting reports a day, an estate agent who could keep a record of all his appointments and a mother of two who dictated her shopping list.

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Brian Greasley, Cellnet's head of new product development, says: "Dictation Line is not only a world first, but a product that today's mobile professional wants."

Pioneers harness local talent

A technology transfer scheme could be a model for other areas, says Sally Watts



Hugh Facey, whose company teamed up with two universities, says Technopole is a "fantastic scheme"

Well over 400 small manufacturers in South Yorkshire have used academic research centres to find solutions to production problems through a technology transfer scheme that began in Sheffield in 1994.

Originally ten local organisations joined forces to launch Sheffield Regional Technopole so that they could seek European funding. They wanted to use their region's training, teaching, research and materials expertise to stimulate small and medium-sized enterprises and, through them, the local economy.

Technopole started with European and matched partnership funding of £610,000. This has increased to £6 million. Ideas for technology transfer were developed and seminars were held for small firms.

In 1996, the scheme, which included Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham, was extended to the East Midlands, to draw in Sheffield's industrial environs of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, and Worksop, Nottinghamshire. Today 26 organisations are affiliated, and many small businesses have been put on the international map. A voucher system provides funding towards the cost of each project.

"Technopole is a fantastic scheme," says Hugh Facey. His firm, Gripple, made wire joiners primarily for agriculture, but saw a market for stronger joiners, or gripples, for wire rope: these had to hold up to 12 times the weight that the originals could.

The project, given a voucher worth £7,500, was a joint venture between the company and the universities of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam, contributing engineering design and materials expertise. Up to three million of the newer gripples have been sold internationally by the 46-employee firm.

A technology group matches successful applicants with supply partners. Grants are given to firms with a viable product that will attract business to the region. When Technopole's second phase ended this summer, grants exceeded £1.8 million for projects with a total value of more than £4 million.

Another £7,500 grant went to Torres Engineering, towards a revolutionary pump for road tankers devised by Dr Steve Bradbury, of Sheffield University, and Ken Torres, head of the 25-employee firm. Prototypes were tested on site (firms contribute in kind as well as cash). So far he has sold 15 pumps, from £2,500 to £10,500. Mr Torres calls Technopole "a catalyst" for the region, where joblessness is high.

"Technopole is about regional regeneration and nailing our colours to a manufacturing revival," says Dr Jess Cawley, from Sheffield Hallam. He believes that a similar scheme could benefit places such as Glasgow and Birmingham; Hull is interested in a food Technopole.

Keith Ridgway, of Sheffield University, has helped nearly 60 firms. At Sheffield Hallam, a tactile sound system for deaf people has been developed by Professor Jim Roddis, Paul Chamberlain, a lecturer, and Jenx. Brian Bunting, of Hallamshire Brewery Services, "spent" a £1,000 voucher at the same university on his idea for a simple cooler fitment for beer engines to limit froth. Now 1,000 have been sold.

Raymond Douglas, Technopole's former chairman, said: "We want to take the region into the forefront of technology."

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A guide to small business expansion and funding has been produced by Nottingham Business School's Centre for Growing Businesses after its research indicated that many small businesses do not know how to obtain capital, do not trust their financial advisers, and want impartial, expert advice on fundraising, business planning and marketing. Details are available on 0115-948 6128.

☐ A competition to find the best tip for small or growing businesses is being held by Intuit, the business software supplier. Businesses with up to 20 employees are asked to submit up to 50 words giving their recipe for success. The winner gets a day's consulting with KPMG or £1,000 worth of office supplies. Entries should be sent to Recipe for Success, Freepost 3018, PO Box 139, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 9XZ.

☐ The problems of keeping businesses afloat will be discussed at a breakfast meeting called by the European Federation of Black Women Business Owners at Midland Bank's Thames Exchange branch in the City of London on September 22. The meeting is part of the federation's programme of business breakfasts sponsored by Midland. The following meeting, on November 3, will discuss preparations for the euro. Inquiries: 0171-978 9488.

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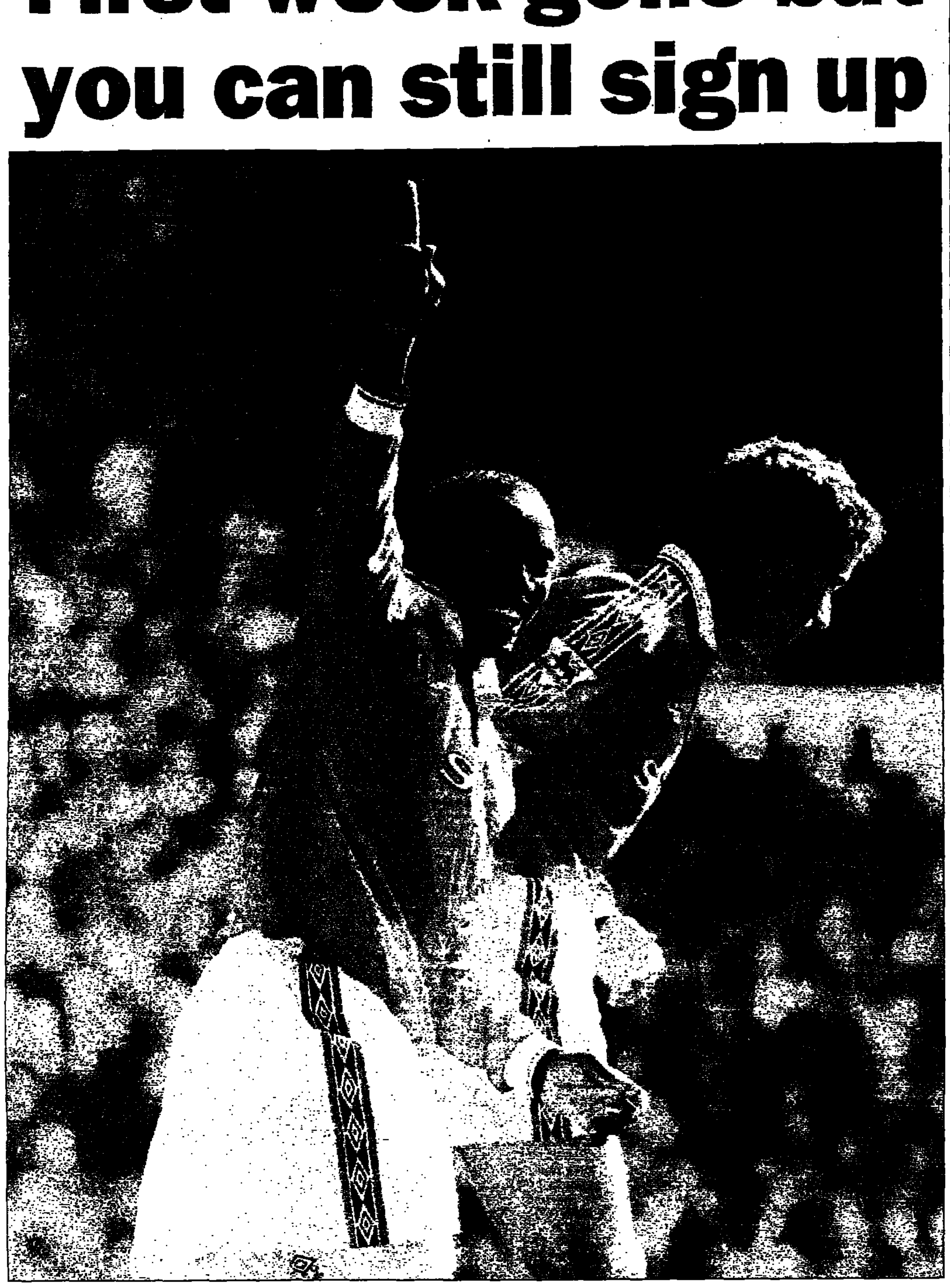

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The total prize money is worth £100,000. To win the top prize of £50,000 plus a trip to the European Cup final, simply pick 11 players from the list — **ONE** from each Premiership club.

THE GAME
You have a total budget of £50 million to spend — and remember *you can only choose* **ONE** *player* per club. Your team must be in a 4-4-2 formation, ie:
- one goalkeeper
- two full backs
- two centre backs
- four midfielders
- and two forwards

You can also have a team chosen at random for you by Fantasy League. Simply tick the Lucky Dip box on the entry form.

THE SCORING
The system is easy:
A goal scored: **3 points**
An assist (last pass to a scorer): 2 **points**
Goalkeeper or defender's appearance (for 45 minutes or more): **1 point**
Goalkeeper or defender clean sheet (including appearance point): 3 ***points***
Goal conceded (applicable only to goalkeepers or defenders on the field): **minus 1 point.**

ENTERING
You can enter by post or telephone. Read the instructions below carefully then either call

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SUPER LEAGUES
If you and some friends or colleagues want to get together and form a league, this is great fun for an office, school, pub or sports club. A minimum of five teams can form a league, and the chairman must send in the entry forms together. All teams entered into a Super League will automatically be entered into the main Fantasy League. You will be posted a detailed monthly report showing how you are all doing, against each other.

THE START
Remember: although the game began a week ago, you can still enter *Fantasy League at any time — but* obviously the sooner the better are your chances in the main £50,000 game.

TRANSFERS
You are only allowed to use 12 transfers in the season. To make your transfers, call the 24-hour transfer hotline below and use your *identification number (PIN).*
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Terms and conditions can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:
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HELPLINE: 01582 702720.

EASY CHECKLIST

Follow this simple step-by-step guide:
1. Select your 11 players from the list (right): one goalkeeper, 2 full backs, 2 centre backs, 4 midfielders, 2 forwards
2. Check you have no more than **ONE** player from any single club
3. Make sure the total value of your players does exceed £50 million
4. Think of a name for your team
5. **Either** telephone your entry by dialling
0640 67 88 99
(Super League entries are by post only)
Or fill in the entry form on the opposite page (a slower method that will mean you miss early games)
6. You may enter as many teams as you wish.

PRIZES

- ***£30,000 to the manager of the Fantasy League team with the most points at the end of the season. Plus a trip for two to the European Cup final***
- ***£10,000 to the runner-up***
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- ***£1,000 youth prize: there is also a separate manager of the season Youth League prize of £1,000, plus monthly prizes of a Premiership football shirt***
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102	David Seaman	ARS	3	3	3.7
146	Alex Manninger	ARS	0	0	3.4
139	Mark Bosnich	AST	6	6	3.2
140	Michael Oakes	AST	0	0	2.9
108	John Filan	BLA	0	0	2.8
127	Tim Flowers	BLA	-3	-3	3.1
104	Sasa Ilic	CHA	-4	-4	2.3
105	Mike Salmon	CHA	0	0	2.2
137	Dmitri Kharine	CHE	0	0	2.9
138	Ed De Goey	CHE	3	3	3.2
107	Steve Ogrizovic	COV	0	0	2.4
117	Magnus Hedman	COV	-2	-2	2.6
103	Russell Hoult	DER	3	3	2.3
153	Mart Poom	DER	0	0	2.5
112	Paul Gerrard	EVE	0	0	2.4
118	Thomas Myhre	EVE	6	6	2.6
113	Nigel Martyn	LEE	6	6	3.1
115	Mark Beeney	LEE	0	0	2.8
123	Kasey Keller	LEI	0	0	2.9
124	Pegguy Arphexad	LEI	0	0	2.6
122	Brad Friedel	LIV	2	2	3.3
131	David James	LIV	0	0	3.3
116	Peter Schmeichel	MAN	3	3	4.0
121	Raimond Van Der Gouw	MAN	0	0	3.5
109	Mark Schwarzer	MID	6	6	2.7
110	Ben Roberts	MID	0	0	2.4
141	Shay Given	NEW	3	3	3.0
142	Lionel Perez	NEW	0	0	2.7
119	Dave Beasant	NOT	-2	-2	2.7
120	Mark Crossley	NOT	0	0	2.6
136	Kevin Pressman	SHE	3	3	2.5
149	Matt Clarke	SHE	0	0	2.2
147	Neil Moss	SOU	-2	-2	2.2
148	Paul Jones	SOU	-3	-3	2.4
128	Ian Walker	TOT	0	0	2.8
155	Espen Baardsen	TOT	-2	-2	2.6
129	Craig Forrest	WES	0	0	2.5
130	Shaka Hislop	WES	-3	-3	2.7
133	Ludek Miklosko	WES	0	0	2.4
132	Neil Sullivan	WIM	-3	-3	2.5
135	Paul Heald	WIM	0	0	2.3

FULL BACKS

203	Remi Garde	ARS	2	2	3.5
204	Lee Dixon	ARS	1	1	4.1
205	Nigel Winterburn	ARS	3	3	4.2
260	David Grondin	ARS	0	0	3.4
261	Nelson Vivas	ARS	0	0	3.7
201	Gary Charles	AST	6	6	3.4
209	Alan Wright	AST	6	6	3.7
211	Gary Croft	BLA	-2	-2	3.2
248	Callum Davidson	BLA	-1	-1	3.1
262	Jeff Kenna	BLA	-3	-3	3.5
221	Chris Powell	CHA	-4	-4	2.7
240	Danny Mills	CHA	-4	-4	2.6
241	Mark Bowen	CHA	0	0	2.7
242	Steve Brown	CHA	-4	-4	2.5
243	Anthony Barness	CHA	0	0	2.5
210	Alberto Ferrer	CHE	0	0	3.7
212	Graeme Le Saux	CHE	3	3	4.0
215	Celestine Babayaro	CHE	5	5	3.5
216	Frank Sinclair	CHE	0	0	3.3
218	Steve Clarke*		0	0	3.3
217	Marcus Hall	COV	0	0	2.7
219	Roland Nilsson	COV	-1	-1	2.9
231	David Burrows	COV	-2	-2	2.9
245	Robert Jarni*		0	0	3.2
247	Ian Brightwell	COV	0	0	2.8
267	Marc Edworthy	COV	-1	-1	2.9
220	Robert Kozluk	DER	0	0	2.6
222	Gary Rowett*		0	0	3.0
223	Stefan Schnoor	DER	4	4	2.8
287	Steve Elliott	DER	0	0	2.6
249	John O'Kane	EVE	0	0	2.9
256	Tony Thomas	EVE	0	0	2.7
258	Michael Ball	EVE	8	8	2.8
271	Alex Cleland	EVE	6	6	2.9
272	Terry Phelan	EVE	0	0	2.8
286	Mitch Ward	EVE	0	0	3.0
214	Danny Granville	LEE	0	0	3.5
224	Ian Harte	LEE	9	9	3.4
225	David Robertson	LEE	0	0	3.3
226	Gary Kelly	LEE	0	0	3.9
227	Lee Sharpe	LEE	0	0	3.6
235	Robert Ullathorne	LEI	0	0	3.0
237	Robbie Savage	LEI	0	0	3.3
238	Steve Guppy	LEI	0	0	3.6
228	Jason McAteer	LIV	2	2	4.2
229	Steve Harkness	LIV	-1	-1	3.8
230	Rob Jones	LIV	0	0	3.6
232	Stig Inge Bjornebye	LIV	0	0	3.8
250	Vegard Heggem	LIV	2	2	3.9
236	Denis Irwin	MAN	0	0	4.3
283	John Curtis	MAN	0	0	3.5
284	Philip Neville	MAN	3	3	4.3
285	Gary Neville	MAN	3	3	4.5
252	Curtis Fleming	MID	0	0	3.0
253	Vladimir Kinder	MID	3	3	3.0
254	Craig Harrison	MID	0	0	2.8
255	Dean Gordon	MID	6	6	3.2
259	Gustavo Lombardi	MID	0	0	2.9
266	Robbie Stockdale	MID	1	1	2.8
244	Nolberto Solano	NEW	0	0	3.3
246	Andy Griffin	NEW	0	0	3.2
273	Steve Watson	NEW	3	3	3.4
274	Warren Barton	NEW	0	0	3.4
276	Laurent Charvet	NEW	3	3	3.3
280	Carl Serrant	NEW	0	0	3.2
281	Alessandro Pistone	NEW	0	0	3.5
290	Des Lyttle	NOT	-2	-2	2.9
291	Alan Rogers	NOT	0	0	3.0
292	Thierry Bonalair	NOT	-2	-2	3.1
202	Earl Barrett	SHE	0	0	2.8
268	Andy Hinchcliffe	SHE	6	6	3.2
269	Juan Cobian	SHE	1	1	2.8
279	Ian Nolan	SHE	0	0	2.8
239	John Beresford	SOU	0	0	2.8
257	Lee Todd*		0	0	2.5
263	Jason Dodd	SOU	-3	-3	2.8
288	Phil Warner	SOU	-2	-2	2.5
251	Clive Wilson	TOT	0	0	3.0
264	Stephen Carr	TOT	-2	-2	3.1
265	Paolo Tramezzani	TOT	-2	-2	3.2
270	Justin Edinburgh	TOT	0	0	2.9
206	Steve Potts	WES	0	0	3.0
208	Tim Breacker	WES	0	0	2.9
233	Stan Lazaridis	WES	-1	-1	3.2
234	Andy Impey	WES	-3	-3	3.1
275	Duncan Jupp	WIM	-2	-2	2.6
277	Ben Thatcher	WIM	-1	-1	2.9
278	Alan Kimble	WIM	-1	-1	2.9
282	Kenny Cunningham	WIM	-3	-3	3.0

CENTRE BACKS

305	Steve Bould	ARS	0	0	3.8
307	Tony Adams	ARS	3	3	4.4
322	Martin Keown	ARS	3	3	4.1
337	Gilles Grimandi	ARS	0	0	3.6
347	Matthew Upson	ARS	0	0	3.4
301	Ugo Ehiogu	AST	8	8	3.7
303	Gareth Southgate	AST	6	6	3.6
304	Riccardo Scimeca	AST	3	3	3.3
329	Gareth Barry	AST	6	6	3.1
310	Colin Hendry*		0	0	3.5
353	Sebastien Perez	BLA	0	0	3.3
354	Darren Peacock	BLA	-3	-3	3.3
355	Stephane Henchoz	BLA	-3	-3	3.4
308	Richard Rufus	CHA	0	0	2.7
309	Eddie Youds	CHA	-4	-4	2.6
316	Phil Chapple*		0	0	2.5
318	Stuart Balmer	CHA	0	0	2.5
356	Bernard Lambourde	CHE	1	1	3.4
365	Marcel Desailly	CHE	3	3	3.8
366	Michael Duberry	CHE	3	3	3.5
370	Andy Myers	CHE	0	0	3.3
381	Frank Leboeuf	CHE	3	3	4.2
357	Gary Breen	COV	-2	-2	3.0
379	Jean-Guy Wallemme	COV	-2	-2	3.0
384	Paul Williams	COV	0	0	2.9
387	Richard Shaw	COV	-1	-1	2.8
388	Liam Daish	COV	0	0	2.8
311	Jacob Laursen	DER	3	3	2.9
312	Igor Stimac	DER	3	3	3.0
313	Rory Delap	DER	3	3	2.7
314	Horacio Angel Carbonari	DER	0	0	3.1
326	Christian Dailly	DER	-3	-3	3.0
306	Slaven Bilic	EVE	0	0	3.1
323	David Unsworth	EVE	6	6	3.1
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334	Gerry Taggart	LEI	0	0	3.2
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336	Steve Walsh	LEI	0	0	3.3
338	Matt Elliott	LEI	0	0	3.9
389	Spencer Prior	LEI	3	3	3.1
302	Steve Staunton	LIV	2	2	4.1
320	Phil Babb	LIV	2	2	3.7
333	Mark Wright*		0	0	3.5
375	Dominic Matteo	LIV	0	0	3.6
399	Bjorn Tore Kvarme	LIV	0	0	3.5
321	Henning Berg	MAN	2	2	3.9
368	David May	MAN	0	0	3.9
382	Jaap Stam	MAN	3	3	4.5
383	Ronny Johnsen	MAN	6	6	4.1
339	Gary Pallister	MID	6	6	3.2
343	Gianluca Festa	MID	6	6	3.1
344	Steve Vickers	MID	6	6	3.0
340	Stuart Pearce	NEW	5	5	3.2
341	Steve Howey	NEW	0	0	3.3
342	Nicos Dabizas	NEW	0	0	3.4
361	Philippe Albert	NEW	3	3	3.5
350	Colin Cooper	NOT	4	4	3.2
351	Steve Chettle	NOT	-2	-2	3.0
352	Jon Olav Hjelde	NOT	0	0	2.9
358	Peter Atherton	SHE	6	6	2.9
359	Goce Sedloski	SHE	0	0	2.7
360	Des Walker	SHE	3	3	2.8
362	Dejan Stefanovic*		0	0	2.7
364	Jon Newsome	SHE	0	0	2.8
317	Ken Monkou	SOU	0	0	2.7
385	Francis Benali	SOU	-3	-3	2.7
386	Richard Dryden	SOU	0	0	2.5
391	Claus Lundekvam	SOU	-1	-1	2.6
394	Scott Marshall	SOU	-5	-5	2.7
395	Scott Hiley	SOU	-5	-5	2.5
346	Colin Calderwood	TOT	-2	-2	3.1
373	John Scales	TOT	0	0	3.0
378	Sol Campbell	TOT	-2	-2	3.3
396	Ramon Vega	TOT	0	0	3.4
315	Julian Dicks	WES	0	0	3.3
319	Ian Pearce	WES	-3	-3	3.1
363	Richard Hall	WES	0	0	2.9
367	Javier Margas	WES	-3	-3	3.2
369	Neil Ruddock	WES	-3	-3	3.0
393	Rio Ferdinand	WES	0	0	3.2
372	Chris Perry	WIM	-3	-3	3.1
390	Brian McAllister	WIM	0	0	2.8
392	Dean Blackwell	WIM	0	0	2.9

MIDFIELDERS

405	Emmanuel Petit	ARS	0	0	4.4
406	Marc Overmars	ARS	0	0	5.8
416	Ray Parlour	ARS	0	0	4.0
420	Patrick Vieira	ARS	0	0	4.1
424	Fredrik Ljungberg	ARS	0	0	5.5
425	Stephen Hughes	ARS	3	3	3.5
407	Mark Draper	AST	0	0	3.7
409	Simon Grayson	AST	0	0	3.3
410	Alan Thompson	AST	0	0	4.5
411	Fabio Ferraresi	AST	0	0	3.6
413	Lee Hendrie	AST	3	3	3.7
535	Ian Taylor	AST	3	3	3.8
415	Billy McKinlay	BLA	0	0	3.2
417	Jason Wilcox	BLA	0	0	4.0
419	Damien Duff	BLA	0	0	4.2
421	Jimmy Corbett	BLA	0	0	3.3
422	Tim Sherwood	BLA	0	0	4.1
575	Garry Flitcroft	BLA	2	2	3.3
501	Keith Jones	CHA	0	0	3.1
502	Mark Kinsella	CHA	3	3	3.5
504	Matt Holmes	CHA	0	0	3.2
505	Shaun Newton	CHA	0	0	3.3
506	John Robinson	CHA	0	0	3.2
507	Neil Redfearn	CHA	0	0	4.1
508	Paul Mortimer	CHA	2	2	3.4
401	Mark Nicholls	CHE	0	0	3.3
404	Paul Hughes	CHE	0	0	3.1
429	Jody Morris	CHE	0	0	3.2
430	Roberto Di Matteo	CHE	0	0	4.4
434	Dan Petrescu	CHE	0	0	4.3
435	Eddie Newton	CHE	0	0	3.1
437	Gustavo Poyet	CHE	3	3	4.9
438	Brian Laudrup	CHE	0	0	5.8
439	Dennis Wise	CHE	0	0	3.8
465	Gary McAllister	COV	0	0	3.9
588	Barry Quinn	COV	0	0	3.2
589	Paul Hall	COV	0	0	3.8
590	Paul Telfer	COV	0	0	3.5
591	Noel Whelan	COV	0	0	4.4
592	Trond Egil Soltvedt	COV	0	0	3.4
593	Willie Boland	COV	0	0	3.9
594	George Boateng	COV	0	0	3.3
595	Philippe Clement	COV	0	0	3.5
596	Gavin Strachan	COV	0	0	3.1
440	Darryl Powell	DER	0	0	3.2
442	Stefano Eranio	DER	0	0	3.8
443	Lee Carsley	DER	2	2	3.1
444	Francesco Baiano	DER	3	3	5.2
445	Kevin Harper	DER	0	0	3.7
446	Jonathan Hunt	DER	0	0	3.4
479	Lars Bohinen	DER	2	2	3.6
403	Gareth Farrelly	EVE	0	0	3.2
414	Tony Grant	EVE	0	0	3.1
418	Danny Williamson	EVE	0	0	3.2
447	John Oster	EVE	0	0	3.4
448	Nick Barmby	EVE	0	0	4.8
449	Olivier Dacourt	EVE	0	0	3.6
450	John Collins	EVE	0	0	4.6
570	Don Hutchison	EVE	0	0	4.0
459	Harry Kewell	LEE	0	0	4.4
466	Lee Bowyer	LEE	0	0	3.9
480	Alf Inge Haaland	LEE	0	0	3.6
481	Bruno Ribeiro	LEE	0	0	3.8
482	Gunnar Halle	LEE	0	0	3.3
522	David Hopkin	LEE	-2	-2	3.7
452	Neil Lennon	LEI	0	0	3.5
453	Stuart Campbell	LEI	0	0	3.1
454	Garry Parker	LEI	0	0	3.6
460	Muzzy Izzet	LEI	0	0	3.8
565	Theo Zagorakis	LEI	2	2	3.4
412	Jamie Carragher	LIV	0	0	3.3
467	Jamie Redknapp	LIV	3	3	4.2
468	Steve McManaman	LIV	2	2	5.5
469	Patrik Berger	LIV	3	3	4.4
487	Danny Murphy	LIV	0	0	3.7
490	Paul Ince	LIV	2	2	4.5
529	Oyvind Leonhardsen	LIV	0	0	4.3
483	Jesper Blomqvist	MAN	0	0	5.0
484	Nicky Butt	MAN	0	0	4.1
485	Ryan Giggs	MAN	0	0	5.6
486	Paul Scholes	MAN	4	4	5.5
491	Jordi Cruyff	MAN	0	0	3.8
492	David Beckham	MAN	4	4	5.9
509	Roy Keane	MAN	0	0	4.4
510	Neil Maddison	MID	0	0	3.1
511	Andy Townsend	MID	0	0	3.6
512	Robbie Mustoe	MID	2	2	3.4
514	Paul Gascoigne	MID	3	3	4.5
515	Paul Merson	MID	3	3	4.7
516	Alan Moore	MID	0	0	3.5
517	Phil Stamp	MID	0	0	3.4
461	George Georgiadis	NEW	0	0	3.9
462	David Batty	NEW	0	0	3.7
463	Stephen Glass	NEW	2	2	3.5
464	Gary Speed	NEW	0	0	4.3
473	John Barnes	NEW	0	0	3.6
489	Keith Gillespie	NEW	0	0	4.3
493	Garry Brady	NEW	0	0	3.3
494	Des Hamilton	NEW	0	0	3.3
495	Temuri Ketsbaia	NEW	5	5	3.8
496	Robert Lee	NEW	2	2	4.2
497	Dietmar Hamann	NEW	0	0	3.9
518	Nigel Quashie	NOT	2	2	3.8
519	Glyn Hodges	NOT	0	0	3.3
520	Chris Bart-Williams	NOT	0	0	3.6
521	Scott Gemmill	NOT	0	0	3.5
524	Geoff Thomas	NOT	0	0	3.5
525	Andy Johnson	NOT	0	0	3.7
526	Steve Stone	NOT	0	0	4.0
527	Ian Woan	NOT	0	0	3.8
528	Craig Armstrong	NOT	0	0	3.2
530	Andy Gray	NOT	0	0	3.4
537	Niclas Alexandersson	SHE	0	0	3.5
538	Petter Rudi	SHE	0	0	3.6
539	Guy Whittingham	SHE	0	0	3.7
540	Graham Hyde	SHE	0	0	3.1
547	Wim Jonk	SHE	0	0	4.3
548	Jim Magilton	SHE	0	0	3.1
562	Benito Carbone	SHE	2	2	4.7
597	Emerson Thome	SHE	0	0	3.2
500	Stuart Ripley	SOU	0	0	3.9
536	Carlton Palmer	SOU	0	0	3.2
541	David Howells	SOU	0	0	3.2
542	Matthew Le Tissier	SOU	0	0	6.0
543	Wayne Bridge	SOU	0	0	3.0
557	Matthew Oakley	SOU	0	0	3.1
498	David Ginola	TOT	4	4	4.8
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579	Marc Keller	WES	0	0	3.9
471	Mark Kennedy	WIM	0	0	3.8
559	Robbie Earle	WIM	0	0	4.1
560	Andy Roberts	WIM	0	0	3.3
563	Neal Ardley	WIM	0	0	3.4
580	Michael Hughes	WIM	0	0	3.5
586	Ceri Hughes	WIM	0	0	3.3
587	Peter Fear	WIM	0	0	3.0

FORWARDS

601	Luis Boa Morte	ARS	0	0	5.4
602	Nicolas Anelka	ARS	0	0	8.0
606	Dennis Bergkamp	ARS	0	0	9.1
623	Christopher Wreh	ARS	0	0	5.8
645	Dwight Yorke	AST	11	11	8.3
646	Julian Joachim	AST	4	4	6.2
652	Stan Collymore	AST	0	0	8.0
647	Chris Sutton	BLA	0	0	8.4
691	Martin Dahlin	BLA	0	0	6.4
693	Kevin Gallacher	BLA	3	3	7.5
698	Kevin Davies	BLA	0	0	7.4
604	Clive Mendonca	CHA	3	3	6.5
605	Mark Bright	CHA	0	0	5.6
607	Steve Jones	CHA	0	0	5.0
608	Andy Hunt	CHA	0	0	5.5
636	Pierluigi Casiraghi	CHE	0	0	7.6
637	Tore Andre Flo	CHE	0	0	7.2
639	Gianluca Vialli	CHE	0	0	6.6
679	Gianfranco Zola	CHE	3	3	7.4
680	Darren Huckerby	COV	0	0	7.2
683	Dion Dublin	COV	0	0	7.9
612	Dean Sturridge	DER	3	3	6.6
625	Deon Burton	DER	0	0	5.3
694	Paulo Wanchope	DER	3	3	6.8
628	Danny Cadamarteri	EVE	0	0	5.3
673	John Spencer	EVE	0	0	6.0
674	Mickael Madar	EVE	0	0	6.2
702	Duncan Ferguson	EVE	6	6	7.5
661	Clyde Wijnhard	LEE	3	3	6.8
662	Jimmy F Hasselbaink	LEE	2	2	8.1
622	Emile Heskey	LEI	3	3	6.8
626	Tony Cottee	LEI	0	0	5.4
657	Ian Marshall	LEI	0	0	5.7
659	Graham Fenton	LEI	0	0	5.2
618	Karl-Heinz Riedle	LIV	3	3	7.7
619	Sean Dundee	LIV	0	0	7.0
620	Robbie Fowler	LIV	0	0	9.4
690	Michael Owen	LIV	0	0	10.5
640	Ole Gunnar Solskjaer	MAN	6	6	8.1
641	Andy Cole	MAN	0	0	8.7
649	Teddy Sheringham	MAN	0	0	7.5
610	Marco Branca	MID	0	0	7.0
611	Hamilton Ricard	MID	6	6	6.8
613	Mikkel Beck	MID	4	4	6.2
615	Alun Armstrong	MID	0	0	6.0
667	Andreas Andersson	NEW	0	0	6.7
668	Stephane Guivarc'h	NEW	0	0	7.7
670	Alan Shearer	NEW	6	6	10.1
630	Pierre Van Hooijdonk	NOT	0	0	7.8
634	Jean-Claude Darcheville	NOT	3	3	6.1
635	Dougie Freedman	NOT	0	0	6.3
663	Francesco Sanetti	SHE	0	0	5.9
664	Andy Booth	SHE	0	0	6.5
666	Paolo Di Canio	SHE	3	3	7.1
638	Mark Hughes	SOU	0	0	6.5
665	David Hirst	SOU	0	0	6.1
703	Egil Ostenstad	SOU	0	0	6.9
704	James Beattie	SOU	0	0	6.2
650	Chris Armstrong	TOT	0	0	7.1
658	Les Ferdinand	TOT	3	3	8.1
687	Steffen Iversen	TOT	0	0	6.4
603	Ian Wright	WES	8	8	7.8
614	John Hartson	WES	10	10	8.2
643	Samassi Abou	WES	0	0	5.8
644	Paul Kitson	WES	0	0	6.3
672	Carl Leaburn	WIM	2	2	5.5
681	Jason Euell	WIM	5	5	5.4
700	Marcus Gayle	WIM	8	8	5.8
701	Efan Ekoku	WIM	3	3	6.0
705	Carl Cort	WIM	0	0	5.3

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You gotta have Harte – or Hartson

The first weekly prize of £500 has been won and the in-form players are emerging. Nick Szczepanik reports

The first two rounds of matches in the FA Carling Premiership that count in the *Times* Fantasy League have now been played, and today we publish the first list of the top hundred teams. Congratulations to Alan Featherstone who is the first weekly winner. From next week, a list of the top ten for the week will also be published.

Any entrants who decided on a forward partnership of Dwight Yorke and John Hartson must have been congratulating themselves by five o'clock on Saturday, when they learnt that their signings had each bagged a goal to add to their midweek efforts.

Yorke, who is still listed as an Aston Villa player in the player lists (players remain registered with their original clubs for the duration of this season's Fantasy League), has managed three goals in the last two games — from fairly close range, admittedly, but they all count. Equally, Hartson was aided by a significant deflection off Jamie Carragher, of Liverpool, but, like those who chose him in their Fantasy League teams, will not be complaining.

Upton Park, in fact, was a happy hunting ground for forwards in last Wednesday's remarkable West Ham v Wimbledon game, with Ian Wright and Marcus Gayle each scoring twice and laying on another for a colleague to bag eight Fantasy League points (three for each goal and two for an assist) and Jason Euell taking five points for a goal and an assist.

Four goalkeepers, Mark Bosnich (Villa), Thomas Myhre (Everton), Nigel Martyn (Leeds) and Mark Schwarzer (Middlesbrough) kept the opposition out in both games and earned a maximum six points. Everton's encouraging defensive displays enabled Michael Ball, their left-back, to claim eight points, but the highest-scoring full-back was Ian Harte of Leeds United.

Harte gained six points from his team's two clean sheets but also scored one of his team's three midweek goals against Southampton, whose defenders, you will not be surprised to learn, are among the lowest-scoring players in the lists. Scott Marshall, in particular, must be wishing he had remained in Arsenal's reserve side after two own goals in five days.



FIRST WEEKLY WINNER

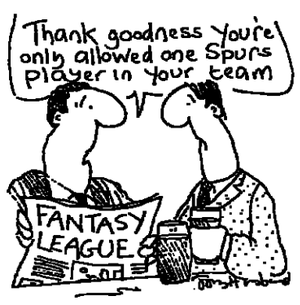
The Fantasy League entrant who combined his selections most successfully was Alan Featherstone of Staffordshire, who becomes the first winner of the weekly prize of £500 plus £100 worth of sports equipment and, of course, the first leader of the main league table.

Yorke, Hartson and Harte were the main points-scorers in his selection, named Larlarsdipsyteam, with some help from Ronny Johnsen, the Manchester United central defender who scored his side's second goal against Coventry, and none at all from Noel Whelan or David Howells. However, so close was the race for first place that even two-point contributions from Garry Flitcroft and Lars Bohinen were crucial.

In the end, Mr Featherstone took the prize by a single point from Steven Moor of Rickmansworth, who scored 48. Martyn, Andy Hinchcliffe and Gary Pallister contributed six points each to his total, but Emile Heskey let the side down with only three points.

Thomas Esperjesi, of Cheltenham, was a further point behind. Even without Dwight Yorke or John Hartson, he managed a highly creditable 47 points.

With £500 to be won every week this season, as well as the monthly prizes of £1,000, it is never too late to enter a team with a realistic chance of success.



WEEKLY WINNER

These are the players from the first week's top team, Larlarsdipsyteam

David Seaman	3
Laurent Charvet	3
Ian Harte	9
Frank Leboeuf	3
Ronny Johnsen	6
Garry Flitcroft	2
Noel Whelan	0
Lars Bohinen	2
David Howells	0
Dwight Yorke	11
John Hartson	10

FANTASY PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Harte of gold: A bargain Fantasy League buy at only £3.4 million, Ian Harte, the Leeds United and Republic of Ireland full-back, has outscored the rest of the FA Carling Premiership's defenders, thanks to two shutouts and a goal, even if it was only against Southampton

FANTASY LEAGUE TOP 100

1	Larlarsdipsyteam	Alan Featherstone	49
2	Protaas Backlash	Steven Moor	48
3	Champion Rovers	Thomas Eperjesi	47
4	Jonnys' XI	Jonathan Smith	46
4	The Wright Stuff	Jonathon Richards	46
4	Destiny	Tony Murnaghan	46
4	Dermot Sheehan	Dermot Sheehan	46
4	F C Springheads	Scott Hayman	46
9	Dan's Dynamos	Daniel O'Rourke	45
9	Hannah Hotspur	Jane Free	45
9	Hullabalooza	Sam Clarkson	45
9	Reservoir Dogs	Paul Breakwell	45
9	Costin Me Alot	Nick Costin	45
9	Chopper Chumps	Marc Ashdown	45
9	Throw In Muses	Miles Lawson	45
16	Nathan's Boys	Harry McDermott	44
16	Dynamo Danka	Peter Morrison	44
16	Robbie Robsons	Robert Southern	44
16	Bubbles XI	Andrew Duckworth	44
16	Bruisysbouncers	Rosemary Gunn	44
16	Pulver's Eleven	Keith Pulver	44
16	Little's Gems	Leslie Barnball	44
16	Oliver's Army	David Ready	44
16	Wayne's Wanderers	Wayne Faulconbridge	44
16	Potter's Allstars	Matt Manifold	44
16	The Mean Team	Adam Harding	44
16	Real Mobile	Gary Russell	44
16	Botany Bay XI	Stephen Brooks	44
16	J's Troudons 11	Jason John Robins	44
30	Knellson's Team !	Darren Knell	43
30	Aycliffe Tigers4	Charles Smith	43
30	Rasmalai	Shumit Rehman	43
30	Welham Saturday	John Cade	43
30	Sadsexistsilmey	Pete Lansdown	43
30	Football Fancies	Tracey Young	43
30	Master Bates' 11	Paul Mason	43
30	Maisie's Raiders	Philip Nordmann	43
30	Hemsby Reserves	Duncan Clark	43
30	Unpronouncables	Steve Evans	43
40	Real Kickers	Richard Michael Fearn	42
40	Punjabi Sherz!!!	Kashif Alam	42
40	Reflex Action	David Wright	42
40	Molesandtoaduntd	James Carter	42
40	Mark Maniacs	Mark Erskine	42
40	Themovebackhome	Maunce Shneider	42
40	Eco Warriors	Roger Crook	42
40	Bob's Hopefuls	Robert Shelton	42
40	Marina Wanabes	John Goodall	42
40	Kerl's Kickers	Ken Hughes	42
40	Thomo's Greats	Graeme Thomason	42
40	Wake United	Richard Wake	42
40	Wake Football	Briget Wake	42
40	Flamborough Reds	Simon Grange	42
40	The Crazy Gang	Vincent West	42
40	Mid-Table Utd	Simon Tubb	42
56	Winserly	A J Dimsdeal	41
56	Studya Super 11	Stewart McLelland	41
56	Toms Allstars	Tom Myatt	41
56	Dc Darkdestroyer	Daniel Coates	41
56	Brighton Belles	Jane Brighton	41
56	Journey United	J Doyle	41
56	East Hammers	Nicholas Dixon	41
56	Confused Peggy	Edward Barker	41
56	Spartak Lobster	Christopher Hussey	41
56	3 Over The Eight	Chris Adams	41
56	Merry Tipplers	Steve Dick	41
56	Edgar's Enigmas	Sean Edgar	41
56	The Mighty Reds	Richard Storer	41
56	The Virdi Rythm	Harinder Virdi	41
56	Rougham Rangers	Kenneth Smalley	41
56	Welfare Wasters	Nicholas Wilson	41
56	Palynogy Gunners	Mark Riordan	41
56	Georgie's Best	Jean Roberts	41
56	Emmanditeesteam	Terry Hollindrake	41
56	Starsofthesouth	Pete Scott	41
56	Gitas Gone	Paul Hughes	41
56	Gage	Graham Jevon	41
56	Fantasy Foureyes	Neil Trainor	41
56	Schnorbitz	William Murfitt	41
56	Bedberry United	John Berry	41
56	New Corinthians	Ian Jackson	41
56	The Bees Neat	Duncan Neat	41
56	I Hate Football	Lucy Crosthwaite	41
56	Neil's Merri Men	Neil Garrett	41
56	Johnny Cakes	Jimmy Holliday	41
56	Faith Healthers	John Taylor	41
56	Dee Squad	Liam Hancock	41
56	Boon's Ballsups	Mark O'Neil	41
56	No name	No name	41
56	Blue Boys 1	Michael Mullen-Westlake	41
91	Katy's Kickers	Christopher Beggs	40
91	Gilbert's Giants	Steve Tilly	40
91	Tomsnewbrighton!	Tom Harries	40
91	Batg Ill Utd	Ian Sharpe	40
91	Silly Tubbies	Philip Pease	40
91	Lucky Leven	Lisa Norman	40
91	Slater F C	Joanne Kavanagh	40
91	Ember Athletic	Alan Martin	40
91	Ase United FC	Alex Edmondson	40
91	Jo's Demmisses	Joseph Garrett	40

Plus 35 others on 40 points.

As I was saying . . .

Did you win the weekly prize, then?
Not exactly. I think one or two of my players are still approaching full fitness after the World Cup, as it happens.

Sorry? It's the middle of September.
Tell Gianluca Vialli about it. He brought my man Brian Laudrup off against Arsenal and kept him on the bench until the ninetieth minute against Forest, so he obviously thinks he needs a bit of match practice.

How's he going to get that if he's on the bench, then?
Good question. I was also a little disappointed in Overmars. No goals in the two games last week, and no assists.

You talked about Hinchcliffe last week. I remember. He scored another of his free-kicks against Blackburn, didn't he?
I did speak about him, but, if you remember, I actually *signed* Paul Telfer as my dead-ball specialist.

Did any of your players come up trumps?
It's a sad tale of near misses, unfortunately. At first, when I looked at Saturday's results, I thought Dennis Irwin had earned me some points, but it turned out that he wasn't in the Manchester United defence that kept a clean sheet against Coventry. And Matt Elliott was on the point of a clean sheet bonus for Leicester until Stephen Hughes got a late equaliser for Arsenal.

It sounds to be as if you need to make one of your famous forays into the transfer market.
Well, hang on. You can only use 12 transfers this season, so you have to be as disciplined as a real manager. You can't just go splashing imaginary money around. It will require careful thought and a bit of old-fashioned team-building.

Hmm. There are one or two of those so-called *real managers* who couldn't possibly last a full season on only a dozen transfers. Barry Fry's head would explode. And you can't sign foreign players: what would Vialli and *Gullitt* do?
Funny you should ask. I've got a plan to see if *Gazetta dello Sport* has a fantasy game and find out if you can hack into that through the internet or something, and suddenly sneak Oliver Bierhoff or Ronaldo in.

I like your thinking. But surely there's another way, isn't there?
How do you mean?

You can enter more than one team, can't you? Pick another side with a different team name, then another a bit later with all the players who are on a roll.
Yes, that's certainly worth thinking about. One problem is that I always have trouble thinking up team names.

What is your team called, anyway?
I'm not telling you. You'll laugh.

I thought that was the idea with fantasy team names. They're all puns on real team names, like *Bayern Munchkins*, or *Unreal Madrid or Leicester Pigott*, aren't they, or things like *Hell's Nigels*.
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THE TIMES TODAY TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15 1998

NEWS

TUC leader slates directors' pay

■ John Edmonds, President of the TUC, delivered a stinging attack on boardroom pay, branding some directors "greedy bastards".

In a condemnation of soaring executive pay, to be followed by an attack from John Monks, TUC General Secretary, Mr Edmonds said there should be government action against directors who take rises over £50,000 Page 1

Clinton bids for world leadership

■ President Clinton told Americans that the United States had an inescapable obligation to lead the world out of financial crisis, as he hit the lecture and party circuit in an attempt to repair his image. The 37 men and women who hold his fate in their hands are preparing for a party split over impeachment Pages 1, 2, 3

NHS Viagra ban

Doctors have been ordered not to prescribe the anti-impotence drug Viagra on the NHS. Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, said it could prove a serious drain on the NHS Pages 1, 4

Scott items saved

A candle lantern and other artefacts taken from Scott and Shackleton's South Pole expedition huts were withdrawn from auction hours after historians voiced their concern Page 1

Cancer drug hope

A drug has been licensed that will help to protect older women against developing brittle bones. It may also reduce the risks of heart disease and breast cancer Page 4

Stars' libel case

George Carman has been hired by Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise for their libel action over a newspaper article on their motives for marriage Page 5

Ulster advance

After 76 years of strife, Northern Ireland made a momentous new beginning when its all-party Assembly met for the first time in *Stormont* Page 6

Academic 'pressure'

Pressure for good academic results is forcing schools to abandon activities designed to produce leadership skills, says a group of head teachers Page 8

Down to business

William Hague is writing to 7,000 business leaders, inviting them to sign up to a two-way computerised link with Conservative headquarters. He wants their views on Tory policies Page 10

Tournament retreat

The Royal Tournament is to be axed after 118 years in favour of a more modern celebration of the work of the Services, because of falling audience figures and rising costs Page 11

Muslims march

Foreign Islamic mercenaries have all but hijacked the Muslim *uprising in India's Kashmir Valley*, as religious fanaticism in Afghanistan begins to spread across the region Page 13

People's reform

Russia's new Prime Minister asserted his new-found authority, telling ministers that the priority of reform would be the Russian people Page 12

Funeral clash

Fighting erupted in the Albanian capital as thousands gathered for the funeral of a murdered opposition leader. Tanks moved in to *quell the demonstrators* . Page 14

Fraud trials call

The head of the Serious Fraud Office called for an end to jury trial in complex frauds and its replacement with a judge and lay assessors Page 10

Bowled over by a ten-pin letdown

■ Sporting perfection can still mean defeat if you do not have the perfect partner, an Englishman discovered at the Commonwealth Games. Competing in ten pin bowling, Richard Hood knocked down all ten pins, ten times in a row. It was the equivalent of a cricketer hitting six sixes, but Hood was left with a silver medal Page 1



JERRY LAMPEN / REUTERS

Coloured smoke swirls round a guard of honour rehearsing yesterday for the opening of the Netherlands parliament today

BUSINESS

G7 action: The Group of Seven industrialised nations has issued a joint statement saying they will coordinate on measures to stabilise the markets and could cut interest rates Page 27

Mortgage move: The Office of Fair trading is preparing moves to stop mortgage lender changing interest rates at will Page 27

Sugar says no: Alan Sugar has rejected a 80p a share offer for his 40.9 per cent stake in Tottenham Hotspur, having previously told the bidder he would accept Page 27

Hilton warning: *Hilton Hotels* Corporation has issued a profits warning in a move which could cast a pall over its business partner Ladbroke which owns the Hilton brand outside the US Page 27

SPORT

Football: Robbie Fowler, who has made a surprising recovery from a cruciate ligament injury, could be on the substitute's bench for Liverpool's Uefa Cup tie in Kosice Page 52

Tennis: Tim Henman has replaced Greg Rusedski as leading British player in world rankings. Rusedski is out of the top ten for the first time in almost a year Page 52

Rugby union: Jonah Lomu and Christian Cullen, the leading New Zealand players, have agreed to take part in Will Carling's testimonial match Page 52

Commonwealth Games: England's badminton players and gymnasts earned a full set of medals but were mauled by Malaysia in the men's badminton team final Page 48

ARTS

Czechs and shepherds: Rodney Milnes reviews Welsh National Opera's puzzling new *Jenufa* in Cardiff and Opera North's enchanting revival of *Il Re Pastore* in Leeds Page 34

Native charm: The Barbican's *Inventing America* festival turns the spotlight on native-American culture with a paying concert and free foyer events Page 34

High velocity: A wide-ranging exhibition at the Whitechapel Art Gallery takes a cool, quirky and often ironic look at modern art's preoccupation with speed Page 35

Baby face: *Sperm Wars*, first play by a hugely talented writer, David Lewis, is a dark comedy whose only real fault is that it generates too much laughter Page 36

FEATURES

Early promise: *Scientists believe* that they have found a "very promising indicator" that may be the first test sensitive enough to distinguish the early stages of Alzheimer's disease Page 15

Love and the lady: In the second extract from his memoir of Iris Murdoch, John Bayley tells how he fell in love with the "lady" he saw while cycling through Oxford Pages 16, 17

LAW

Time out: Does the latest attempt to regulate working practices present more questions than answers? Two leading employment lawyers find fault with the 48-hour week proposals Page 37

Fightback: Upset at accusations that high legal aid fees have made many of them into fat cats, *barristers have hired publication* relations specialists to launch a counterattack Page 39

THE PAPERS

Trouble comes not as single spies, but as battalions. A deepening recession is gripping one third of the world economy. Japan is mired in slump and political stalemate. The President of the US is in danger of impeachment, while the collective leadership of the European Union, the only other economic superpower, appears about as far-seeing as a parish council.

The Straits Times, Singapore



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ INTERFACE
How Hedy Lamarr's wartime secret will speed up the IT revolution

■ HOMES
A 12-page supplement looks at everything to do with the home, including best property buys

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Preview: Martin Clunes and Zara Turner star in a wife-swapping drama (*Touch and Go*, BBC2 9pm)
Review: Joe Joseph on a sitcom family that is all talk and no action Pages 50, 51

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Endgame in Germany

For the embattled Helmut Kohl, the triumph of Edmund Stoiber's Christian Social Union in the Bavarian state elections is a whiff of oxygen in an airless room. The *race is again open* Page 19

Escape hatch

Bill Clinton must do at least the minimum necessary to avoid his complete political collapse. The only honourable alternative is his resignation. This means that he must shift ground on the question of perjury Page 19

Frozen assets

Auction houses take a commercial rather than a patriotic view. A letter to *The Times* is still the quickest way to put right an obvious wrong Page 19

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LIBBY PURVES
The danger in being cavalier about privacy — or self-ownership, as I like to think of it — is not just that it makes us all more brutish, but that the powerful will fight back by drawing boundaries around their lives which are themselves abusive Page 18

MICHAEL GOVE
Although the waning of the political and economic power of the *unions has been a necessary pre*condition of Britain's working-class tradition Page 18

RICHARD OVERY
Mr Lebed is much more likely to become the power behind someone else's throne. If there is any precedent worth exploring, it is the tradition of the harsh security state in Russia Page 18

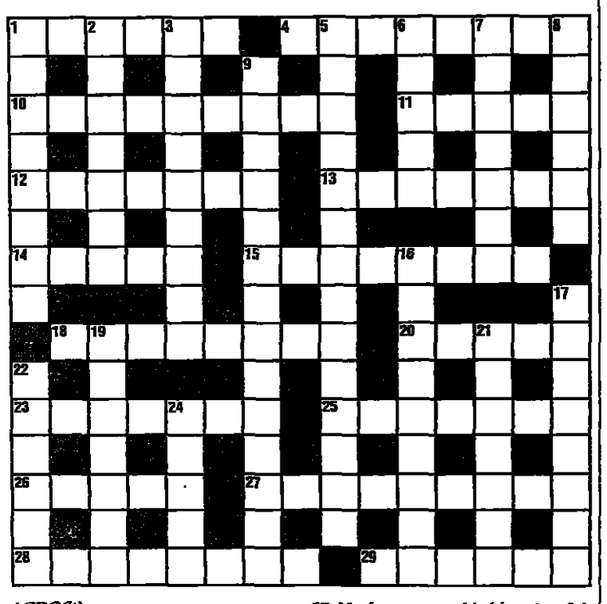
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George Wallace, former Governor of Alabama; **Yang Shangkun,** Chinese Communist leader Page 21

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ACROSS
1 Again eating mushroom to build up muscle (6).
4 Old embassy's oversight (8).
10 *Instrument for off-peak calls* (9).
11 Popular song about king (5).
12 Wind's backing visible in photograph of open sea (7).
13 Without cover from air, thus exposed on Yorkshire moor (7).
14 See new driver tear off further down the road (5).
15 Get wind of Daisy in cathedral city (8).
18 Feature of Susan's mouse (5,3).
20 Come about small volume in our keeping (5).
23 Expression used by drinkers for so long (7).
25 Red-hot stuff from South American capital (7).
26 *Master using king to take knight* (5).
27 He impresses with his colourful technique (9).
28 With spin on ball, approaches obliquely (8).
29 *Vehemently criticise very musical* line (6).

DOWN
1 Tall thin supporter of *runners* (8).
2 Pet about to whimper in plagued house (7).
3 Praying with Church of England, composed words of praise (9).
5 United rivals developing synthetic cream (10,4).
6 Left suddenly broke into factions (5).
7 One new computer unit beneficially provides desktop writing aid (7).
8 Lack of medication for swelling (6).
9 Hard lines? (8,6).
16 English horse second to American named after famous person (9).
17 Translate English or Latin into Chinese, for example (8).
19 Pull fish up on one side of boat (7).
21 Tip given in a wine bar (7).
22 Balance plates of fish (6).
24 Frenchman and wife to make a fresh start (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,896

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☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands:** wet, brighter later. Wind moderate. Max 17C (63F).
☐ **Central S England, W Midlands:** wet, then sun and showers. Moderate wind. Max 16C (61F).
☐ **E England, Central N England, NE England:** sun and showers. Wind *moderate to fresh. Max 16C (61F).*
☐ **Channel Isles:** wet, then sun and showers. Windy. Max 17C (63F).
☐ **SW England, S Wales:** rain, then sun and scattered showers. Wind moderate to fresh. Max 16C (61F).
☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, N Ireland:** rain, then sunny spells. Max 16C (61F).
☐ **Borders, Ed'burgh & Dundee:** sunny spells and scattered showers. Wind fresh to strong. Max 15C (59F).
☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** dull with rain. Wind fresh to strong . Max 15C (59F).
☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow:** morning showers then sunny spells. Max 15C (59F).
☐ **Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland:** showery with strong north-west wind. *Max 15C (59F).*
☐ **Republic of Ireland:** rain or drizzle slowly dying out. Wind mainly moderate. Max temp 17C (63F).
☐ **Outlook:** unsettled with showers and rain, becoming milder.

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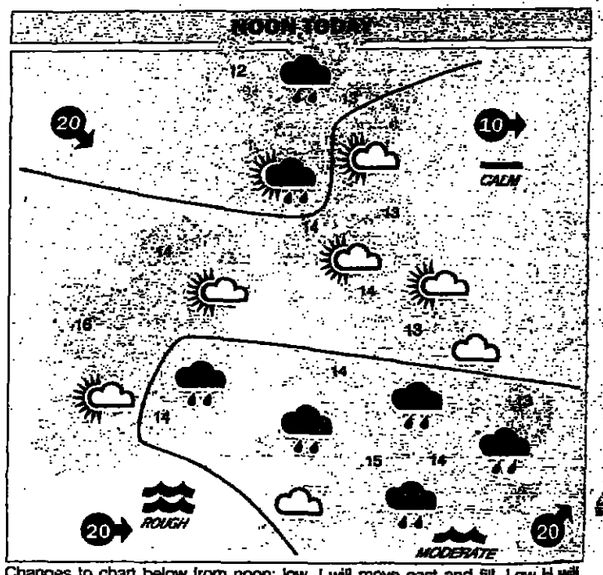
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Isle-of-wight	6.8	0.02	16	61	s	Torquay	8.9	-	18	64	s
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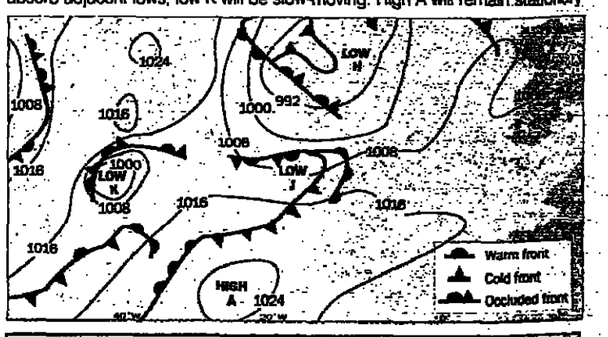
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Dublin	7:03	3.6	19:38	3.8	Oban	1:55	3.7	14:42	3.1
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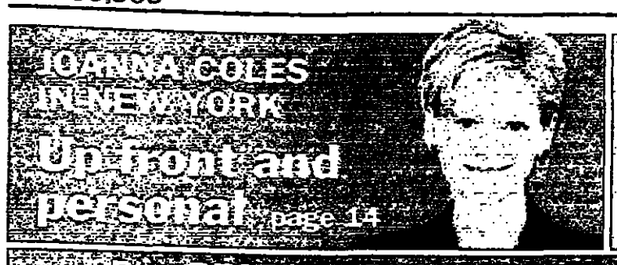
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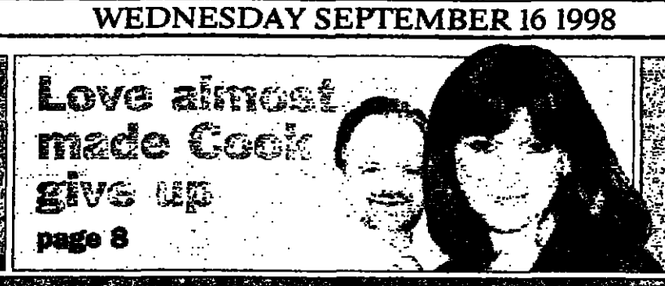
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No compromise in the TUC lions' den

Blair endorses George warning to unions

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY AND JILL SHERMAN

TONY BLAIR lined up with the Governor of the Bank of England last night to deliver a double warning to the unions that economic policy would stay unchanged and interest rates could not yet be cut.

Both Eddie George, the first Governor to speak in the lion's den of the TUC conference, and the Prime Minister, who arrived afterwards for a dinner with union leaders, ruled out short-term measures. Mr Blair, rejecting union claims about the threat of recession, told them to "confront difficulties rather than exaggerate them".

Their uncompromising message came as union leaders seized on yesterday's fall in inflation to 2.5 per cent to demand immediate cuts in interest rates and relief for manufacturing industry. They accused the Bank of risking the jobs of a quarter of a million workers as it "sleepwalks into recession". In the City, the pound tumbled against the mark as traders bet on an early interest cut.

Mr George would only offer the hope that rates might have peaked. To the dismay of his listeners, he indicated that an early rate cut was not on the Bank's agenda because a rapid fall in inflation "is still not the most likely outcome" in the eyes of the Monetary Policy Committee.

However, he added: "There is no doubt in my mind that recent international developments have at least reduced the likelihood that we will need to tighten policy further."

Mr Blair said that the Government could not afford to take any short-term measures which would jeopardise long-term stability. "However hard it is in the short term we must never forget the long term," he said.

But he too hinted that interest rates may have peaked at 7.5 per cent. Mr Blair said: "What is important is that interest rate decisions are made in the long-term interests of the economy. People should never forget that in the early 1990s interest rates were at 15 per cent for a year and manufacturing output fell by 7 per cent."

He argued that the Government could help to soften the impact of world economic problems in Britain by setting up an emergency fund for re-training workers, and task forces to help in firms facing big losses or closures.

The Prime Minister will continue his message today in a keynote speech on the economy after a visit to Fujitsu in his Sedgefield constituency. But he will say that the job losses at the computer chip plant, which announced two weeks ago that it was going to shut, have to be put into perspective. More than 10,000 jobs had been created or saved in the North East because of inward investment over the last year and 400,000 jobs had been created nationally.

Union leaders said Mr Blair and Mr George had offered cold comfort to the struggling manufacturing sector. Ken Jackson, general secretary of the AEEU, said: "If the Monetary Policy Committee came into the real world with us they would know that interest rates have to come down."

Roger Lyons, general secretary of the MSF, called for a representative of the manufacturing sector to be added to the MPC because "Mr George does not seem to realise once you lose manufacturing jobs from the economy they do not return".

John Monks, TUC General Secretary, took a more conciliatory tone, insisting that unions "can't ignore the risk of inflation" and that a too sharp fall in the pound "could trigger inflation". He added that unions were right to criticise the "one club approach" to monetary policy but had to face up to the fact alternatives would involve some "hard choices".

The Governor issued a plea to the unions to "turn down the noise" on interest rates and to consider the current position of the economy. He insisted that the Bank of England did "care about activity and jobs in all sectors" and that the Bank "will be just as rigorous in cutting rates" if inflation threatened to fall below target.

However, Mr George said that although the Bank was aware of the damage interest rate rises could inflict on the manufacturing sector it had no alternative without putting the whole economy at risk.

Pressure for an immediate rate cut was also increasing in the City, after the latest inflation figures showed underlying inflation falling from 2.6 per cent to 2.5 per cent in August — the first time it has hit its target level since January. Headline inflation also fell from 3.5 per cent to 3.3 per cent.

David Hillier, UK economist at Barclays Capital, said: "UK rates could be cut now without threatening the inflation target — a cut does not have to be justified by what is happening in the world markets."

However, other City economists were more sceptical that the Bank would lower rates until pay inflation falls sharply.

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ANTHONY UPTON



Jonathan Aitken arriving at court with his daughter, Alexandria, to face charges of perjury and perverting the course of justice

Aitken in court to face perjury charge

BY TIM JONES

JONATHAN AITKEN, the former Conservative Cabinet minister, yesterday appeared in court to face charges of perjury and perverting the course of justice.

The charges against Mr Aitken, 56, who was Chief Secretary to the Treasury in 1994-95, arise from the collapse of his libel action in June last year against *The Guardian* and Granada television's *World in Action* programme.

He was charged in May along with Said Mohammed Ayas, his former business associate.

Mr Aitken, who arrived for the hearing at Bow Street Magistrates' Court with his advisers and Alexandria, one of his 18-year-old twin daughters, was required to stand in the dock with Mr Ayas as the charges were read out. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

The men, both in dark business suits, spoke only to confirm their names. They face one joint charge of conspiring, along with Mr Aitken's estranged wife Lolicia, to pervert the couse of justice between April 9, 1995 and June 21, 1997 by signing false witness statements which were used in the libel action.

The falsehoods, the charge states, were that Lolicia Aitken and Victoria Aitken, his daughter, had been to Paris prior to travelling to Geneva on September 17, 1993, and while in Paris had stayed in a flat belonging to the daughter of Said Ayes. In addition, that on September 19, 1993, Lolicia Aitken was in Paris and there paid a money in respect of the bill of Mr Aitken at the Ritz Hotel.

Mr Aitken alone faces three other charges. The first is that between April 9, 1995 and June 4, 1997, he did a series of acts tending and intended to pervert the cause of public justice by making a false statement which he allowed to be submitted in court evidence that Lolicia Aitken had been in Paris on September 19, 1993 and paid 4,257 francs in part payment of a bill at the Ritz Hotel.

The next charge of doing acts tending and intended to pervert the course of justice states that Mr Aitkin, between June 13 and 18, 1997, drafted a statement in the name of Victoria Aitken and obtained her signature for that statement which falsely said she and Lolicia had travelled by ferry and train to Paris on September 16, 1993 and stated overnight in the flat of the daughter of Said Ayas and that Victoria Aitken had spoken by telephone to her grandmother.

The final charge against Mr Aitken was one of perjury. It says that between June 4 and 14, 1997 having been lawfully sworn as a witness in the High Court libel action he wilfully made a statement which he knew to be false. It was that on September 19, 1993, Lolicia was in Paris and had paid 4,257 francs to the Ritz Hotel in part payment of his bill.

Said Ayas faces one charge of doing acts tending and intending to pervert the course of public justice. It is alleged he falsely claimed

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Walking Australia in 69 days

BY MARIA ALVAREZ

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Dobson is snubbed over call to cut price of Viagra for NHS

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

VIAGRA, the impotence drug, will not be reduced in price so that the NHS can afford it, the manufacturers decided yesterday.

On Radio 4's *Today* programme Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, had earlier called for Pfizer to cut the price, apparently unaware that his officials had already agreed to the £4.84 a tablet suggested by the company.

Ken Moran, Pfizer's chairman, said firmly: "We will not lower the price." He added that the price of the pill was half that of existing impotence treatments and the same as that set in other countries where Viagra is licensed.

A price reduction in one country was undesirable because it would lead to people profiteering by buying in that country and exporting to others for resale, he said. The result of the government ban on prescribing Viagra on the NHS, he said, was the "iniquitous position where the product is available to those men who are able to pay for their own treatment, but not to others".

The Government is in an awkward position, since less effective but more expensive treatments are already available on the NHS. Pfizer has produced a better remedy at a lower price in a British laboratory and been rewarded by being excluded from the bulk of the market.



"Impotence? No, I just can't read the label"

Roger Kirby, consultant urologist at St George's Hospital in London, said: "We are now in a position where we have to say to patients that we can't prescribe a £5 pill but can prescribe a £10 injection or put in a £2,500 prosthesis to cure erectile dysfunction."

Yesterday Pfizer was at pains to emphasise that Viagra is a cure for a real medical condition and not a fun drug designed to enable men to have more sex. They estimate that the cost of the drug to the NHS has been grossly overestimated. Mr Moran said that if all men with clinical erectile dysfunction were treated on the NHS, the cost would reach £50 million after five years. "The NHS already spends £12 million a year on erectile dysfunction," he added.

Mr Dobson made it clear on Radio 4 that no more money would be found for Viagra. "That money isn't there, so therefore we have to take the money away from maternity services for women having babies or people who are being treated for cancer or people who are being treated for heart disease," he said.

"Most people in this country don't think we should finance it through the health service as a sort of recreational drug at the expense of doing things which are more important."

How the Government will prevent doctors prescribing Viagra is not yet clear. There are two grounds on which drugs can be excluded from prescription — lack of clinical effectiveness, or high cost. Putting Viagra in either category would be hard to justify. Instead the Government hopes to limit prescriptions by defining as narrowly as possible the categories of patients who can have the drug.

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Hague ballot under fire

Michael Heseltine branded William Hague's plan to ballot the Conservatives over the single currency an "irrelevance".

In a withering assault, he said that it would succeed only in "reinforcing the prejudices of minorities". Mr Heseltine broke his silence on the Tory leader's snap ballot after Mr Hague had called him and other pro-European elders a deluded elite. Page 2

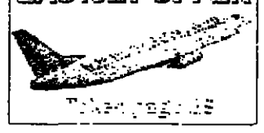
Clinton videotape may go public

A videotape of President Clinton's grand jury testimony may be made public.

The House Judiciary Committee will decide how to issue the remaining two thousand pages of material and the videotape which was sent to Congress with the Starr Report Page 11

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Police raid bootleg bubbly factory

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN PARIS

FRENCH police have dismantled the "bubbly connection", a huge illegal trade in bootleg champagne that has allegedly flourished in the vineyards of northern France for more than a decade.

Last weekend the authorities raided a warehouse in Châlons-sur-Champagne in Epernay and came across an underground factory producing the illicit hooch.

As well as presses, vats and other equipment the investigators discovered "ratafia", an aperitif made from champagne, and 35,000 bottles of unlabelled fizz which, police said, had a black market street-value of "several million francs".

Like all wine-making in France, the production of champagne is rigorously regulated and subject to high rates of tax. Producing champagne without a licence in unlabelled bottles is illegal but the authorities are uncertain whether the champagne was being produced for private consumption or sale.

Police later arrested five people as they arrived at the site. All the suspects are members of the same family of expert champagne-makers who own a nearby vineyard of less than four acres.

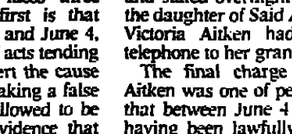
"These are, in fact, champagne-lovers who did everything within the rules of the champagne-making art," one investigator said.

Police have yet to establish the provenance of the grapes used or where the black market champagne was being sold. One possibility, they say, is that the alleged bootleggers collected excess grapes form various parts of champagne country and then sold the resulting drink to connoisseurs or café owners.

Another possibility is that the moonshine champagne was sold under the counter to larger producers who simply labelled it as their own, again in contravention of the rules.

Police sources in Epernay described the champagne as "definitely the real thing".

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Illegal black militant school investigated

Nation of Islam faces court action for teaching 60 pupils in community centre, reports **Victoria Fletcher**

THE militant black group that demonstrated at the Stephen Lawrence inquiry is to be investigated by the Government for running an illegal school in London.

The Nation of Islam, which aims to create a separate state for blacks, failed to register the 60-pupil school which has been operating from three rooms in a Hammersmith community centre since last November. The Department for Education and Employment has given the school one month to register or face court proceedings. Nation of Islam members could face a three-month prison sentence.

A spokesman for the department said: "Because it is a private school it needs to be officially registered with us in order for us to ensure that the teachers are up to standard and allow inspectors to check on the educational standards maintained. If they fail to do this, we will issue a court order."

The department was tipped off about the school months before by Hammersmith and Fulham Council, but had apparently been reluctant to tackle the Nation of Islam about it.

David Willetts, the Shadow Education Secretary, said that ministers should have acted immediately. "It is shocking that the Government does nothing for two months and one wonders what their motivations were. If this school was a normal private school not associated with the Nation of Islam, they would have acted far more quickly."

The British wing of the Nation of Islam was founded in 1986 and part of its aims includes the creation of a separate black state for its 2,000 British members. Pupil numbers at the organisation's three schools in Hackney and Shepherd's Bush are thought to have increased after a series of government reports over the past two years found that a disproportionate number of black pupils underachieved, and that back pupils were six times more likely to be excluded.

Lessons are thought to focus on African and Islamic subjects. Girls and boys are taught separately and both are encouraged to take GCSEs aged 16.

Yesterday the education department denied that it had been slow to investigate the school. A spokesman said: "We were not aware of the school until it was in a recent newspaper article. We have to have concrete evidence of where these schools are operating before we can investigate them. The local police were involved in trying to locate them, but so far they have had no success."

The department admitted that it had not asked the Nation of Islam about the school or its location.

In November last year, the Nation of Islam rented three rooms in a Hammersmith community centre for educational purposes. Soon after they moved in, the council realised the premises were being used to house a full-time school for more than 60 pupils.

"We warned them that it is not an appropriate place for them to be running a school and asked them to find alternative accomodation in August," Hammersmith and Fulham Council said.

Infuriated by the disruption a move would cause to pupils, members of the school demonstrated outside Hammersmith Town Hall and have subsequently been offered longer to find alternative accommodation. "There is no debate that there is a school operating there," the council spokeswoman added.

A spokeswoman for Hammersmith and Fulham Council said that it had warned the department about the school. "We told them about it months ago. But if it is not registered as a private school, that is a job for the DFEE to investigate, not us.

"We told the department it was there and it is over to them."

Reader's Digest forced to sell art collection

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

FINANCIAL turmoil has forced the US publishers of *Reader's Digest* to sell its $100 million art collection that includes works by Monet, Chagall and Van Gogh.

The philanthropic association, based in New York, is confronted with the harsh realities of Wall Street. Its founders, the Reader's Digest Association, bought one of the most expensive art collections in corporate America with proceeds from its journalistic anthologies which often condensed complex subjects to fit into a few pages.

However, circulation of its main publication has fallen below the minimum guaranteed to advertisers, and the company's share price has dropped while the stock market boomed.

New management is trying to salvage the association's self-proclaimed mission to promote beauty, in the form of good writing, by sacrificing the arguably greater beauty of its famous Impressionist paintings.

Sotheby's in New York will auction the the paintings on November 16 and 17 at the height of the autumn auction season.

Computer giant IBM and CBS, the broadcaster, have recently complied with shareholders who wanted money in the bank rather than hanging on the boardroom walls in the form of oil and canvas.

But Reader's Digest was not expected to follow the giant corporations down the same route towards the absolute dominance of accountants over artists.

The company sold a Monet and a Van Gogh for $6.2 million last May.

Thomas Ryder, the executive chairman, said: "Our art collection is truly part of the heritage of the company. "However, we can put the worth of these most valuable works to better and more effective use by investing in growth opportunities for the company."

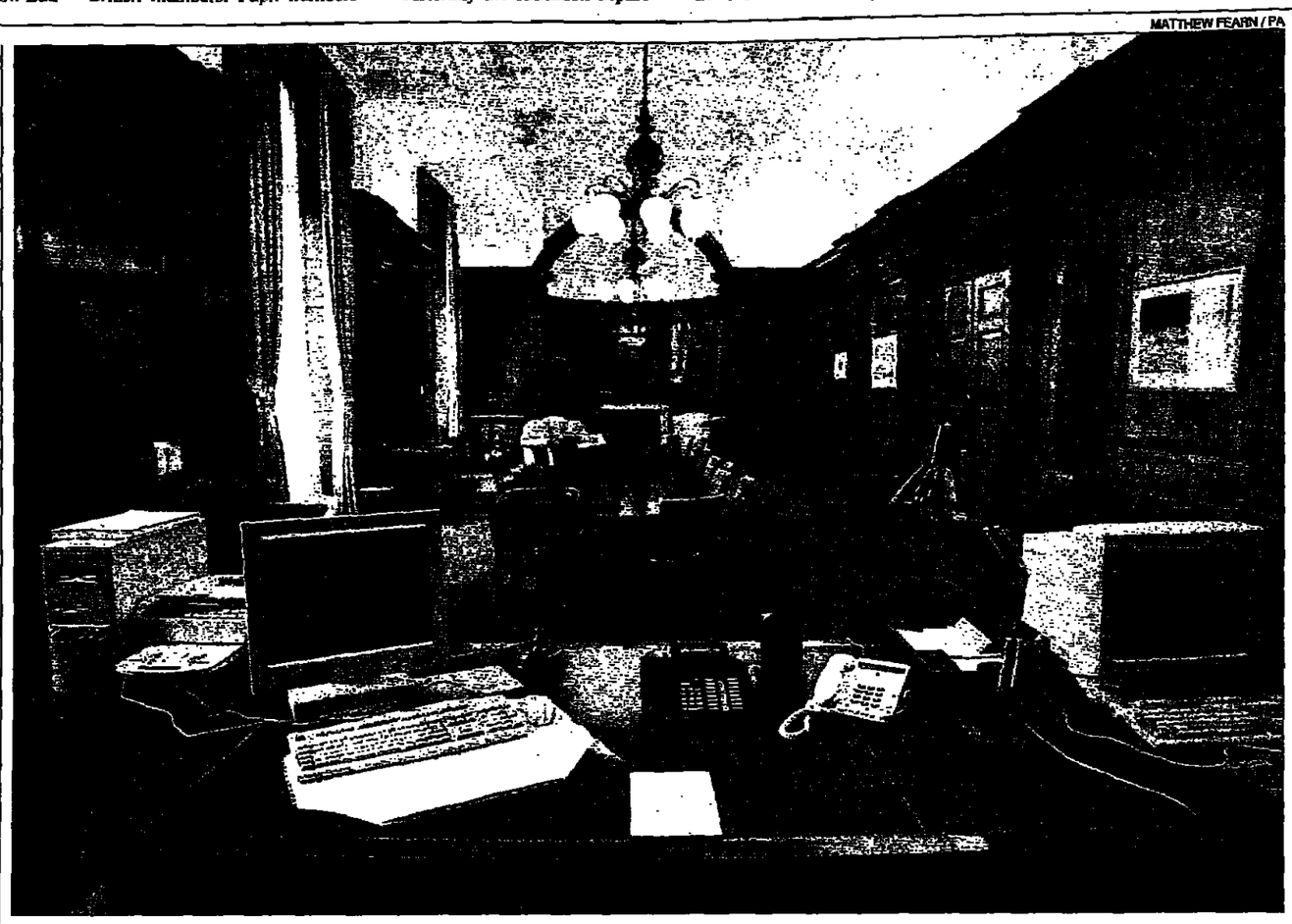
Mr Ryder, who switched from American Express to *Reader's Digest* in April will be paid $4.4 million over three years.

He was hired to inspire the company and he said nothing was sacred at the head office in Pleasantville, New York.

The art collection was started in the 1940s by Lila Acheson Wallace and DeWitt Wallace, the company founders.

Collecting was their passion. In their best-selling magazine, they compiled examples of the best writing from around the globe, and in their private archives they hoarded Impressionist masterpieces.

MATTHEW FEARN / PA



THIS picture of the heart of government shows an addition which might have made the pulse of earlier ministers race: Gordon Brown has become the first Chancellor of the Exchequer to install a personal computer on his desk (Valerie Elliott writes). In a room built in 1908 for ministers who used quills, Mr Brown now has two machines — the more sophisticated one is on test. He spends hours hunched over the monitor and keyboard, but if he wishes to write a personal note, a Victorian stationery cabinet to his left contains Treasury notepaper and envelopes. Mr Brown's black telephone has direct lines to Treasury officials: the white one is for direct calls to No 10 and to his girlfriend, Sarah Macauley. At the far end of the office, which will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday as part of the Heritage Open Days, is an area where Mr Brown likes to study the daily newspapers, often relaxing on the sofa or one of the easy chairs. Treasury officials said Anthony Barber, Chancellor under the Heath Government in 1970-74, was the first to occupy this room. But while the computers are new, the green banker's lamp and old-fashioned manual date-changer have been accoutrements of the office for nearly 30 years.

Small change in Treasury

Murdoch is cuckoo in soccer's nest, TUC is told

BY JILL SHERMAN
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association yesterday accused Rupert Murdoch of being a "TV cuckoo in football's nest" as he attacked the proposed takeover of Manchester United by BSkyB.

Speaking at the Trades Union Congress in Blackpool, Gordon Taylor said that the national game was becoming more business than sport. "The two worlds do not sit easily together and I feel that sport needs government protection from business."

He urged Tony Blair to draw up laws to "protect the integrity of sport" in the same way that other countries had created anti-trust laws to provide fair competition.

Mr Taylor said that he had been particularly concerned about the initial government response to the problems arising from the bid by Mr Murdoch, chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, which he claimed presented an obvious conflict of interests. BSkyB is an associate company of News Corp, parent company of *The Times*. He said anarchy would result if clubs were allowed to do their own deals outside the leagues.

The big clubs stood to gain more dominance through pay TV. "After all, pay TV is the reason behind Murdoch's desire to own Manchester United. He wants to force through his own interests by having influence on both sides of any negotiations — TV cuckoo in football's nest.

"Murdoch is not a union man but for football to continue as our national game both the interests of the leagues and the unions must be protected by government help."

Mr Taylor was not optimistic. He said it was bad enough that after waiting 20 years for a Labour Government that a discredited former Tory Cabinet minister (David Mellor) was leading a government taskforce into football.

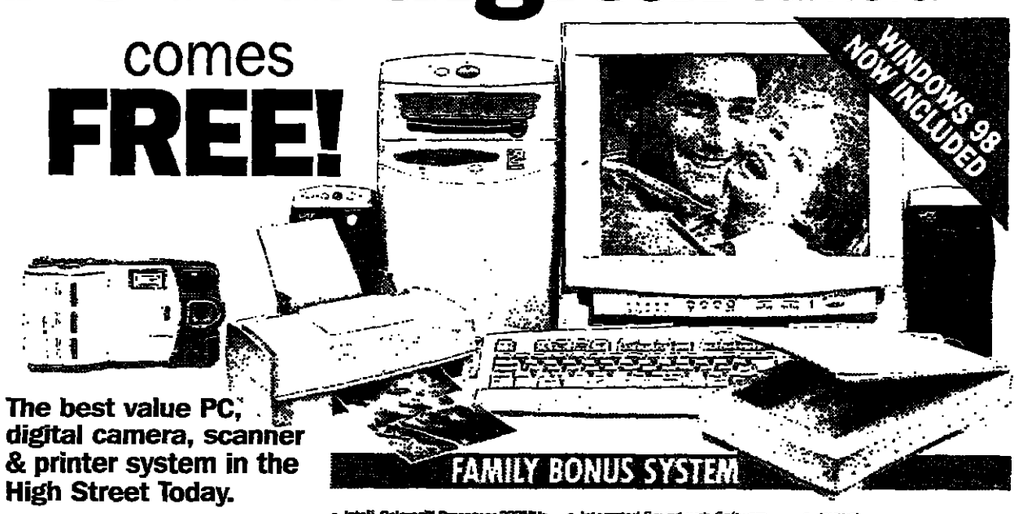
The government had passed the buck on interest rates to the Bank of England and according to some reports was considering giving the powers to take decisions on takeovers to an independent commission. "Governments must govern. Was it Harry Truman who had a sign on his desk stating 'The buck stops here'?

"New Labour should remember its roots and not spend so much time placating those at the other end of the political spectrum who would have them out of office tomorrow if they could."

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Heseltine says Hague ballot is irrelevant

BY ROLAND WATSON
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine last night branded William Hague's plan to ballot the Tories over the single currency an "irrelevance". In a withering assault, he said it would succeed only in "reinforcing the prejudices of minorities".

As Mr Hague urged party members to use the vote to "put the antagonisms of the past behind us", the former Deputy Prime Minister said the plan was doomed.

He broke his silence on the Tory leader's snap ballot after Mr Hague had called him and other pro-European elders a deluded elite. His intervention showed that Mr Hague's hope of drawing a line under the Tory civil war over Europe was already under strain.

Mr Heseltine said: "It's an appeal for loyalty to the leader which cannot succeed, an appeal directed towards the membership of a party trailing way behind in the polls.

"The challenge for the Conservative Party is to win back the four million people who voted for either the Labour or the Liberal party, both of which campaigned on a pro-European ticket. Reinforcing the prejudices of minorities has limited prospect of success in a bid to rejoin a majority."

His comments marred the opening night of Mr Hague's tour of the country in which he called for an end to the internal divisions over Europe which had and "paralysed" the party in recent years. Mr Hague launched his own attack on the pro-Europeans in the Tory ranks, saying the days when a "small elite" in the party acted without reference to members was over.



Heseltine: said ballot would bolster prejudices

He hit out at those pro-Europeans who were "ready enough in the past to appear on our television screens attacking party policy" but who were ignoring the referendum.

"If you deride party democracy as unnecessary, and if you treat this ballot as irrelevant, then you will be making yourselves irrelevant." Mr Hague told activists in Plymouth last night.

Mr Clarke, the former Chancellor, has already said he will take no part in the ballot. Mr Patten, the former Hong Kong governor, and Tory chairman, said he will vote against Mr Hague's policy of ruling out entry into the single currency for this Parliament and the next.

Mr Heseltine said last night he had "not given it a lot of thought. It's an irrelevance."

Appeal for family of Arnhem soldier

BY STEPHEN FARRELL

THE ARMY was last night hoping to trace relatives of a Second World War soldier who will be buried without any next of kin at his graveside unless a last-minute public appeal succeeds.

The body of Corporal George Froud, 27, will be laid to rest with full military honours at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery in Oosterbeek, Holland, on Friday, more than 50 years after he died at Arnhem. He was posted missing on September 21, 1944, but his remains were not found until last year during building work in a garden in Lennepweg, near Oosterbeek.

The Army identified him from his Border Regiment insignia, beret with the name Froud inside and a cigarette case with the initials GF. However, a search by the Ministry of Defence failed to trace any relatives.

Army records show that Cpl Froud married Vera Frances Jey in February, 1940, while living in Goring-by-Sea, West Sussex. They had a son, Terrance, who was adopted, the Army believes, by Mrs Froud's sister Winnie who is thought to have married a man named Marsh. Cpl Froud's wife Vera remarried in July 1952, and took the name Harris and is thought to have moved to the Oxford area.

Glider pilots Sergeant David Thompson, 27, and Sergeant Laurence Howes, 28 will also be buried. Their bodies were found four years ago in Sonnenberg and their relatives will attend the service.

Aitken in court on perjury charges

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that Lolicia and Victoria Aitkin had stayed in the Paris flat of his daughter.

It is claimed also that he lied when he claimed he saw Lolicia Aitken on September 19, 1993, in the Ritz hotel and was told by her she had paid the bill of her husband.

The hearing was adjourned until Monday, October 19.

Although Mrs Aitken is named in the indictment, she has not been charged. She split up from her husband following the collapse of the libel trial and is understood to be abroad.

At the end of the proceedings, Mr Aitken and his daughter faced a scrum of photographers and reporters as they left the court building. They smiled at the cameras as they walked the 20 yards through the rain to their car, but said nothing.

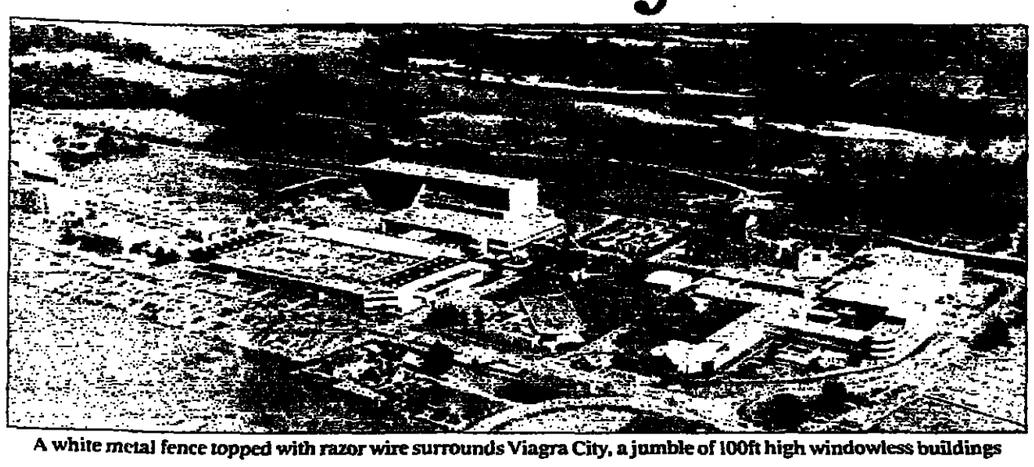


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Loire valley raises a glass to Viagra



A white metal fence topped with razor wire surrounds Viagra City, a jumble of 100ft high windowless buildings



The Amboise warehouse from where the millions of Viagra pills are distributed

Drug factory overshadows the history and the Vouvray wine of Amboise

Words: DANIEL McGRORY Pictures: PETER NICHOLLS

EXPLICIT drawings decorate the Château of Amboise left by Leonardo da Vinci after a lifetime studying the human body. But the master of invention could not have imagined the improvement to the male form now on offer in this town on the banks of the Loire.

A mile from where Leonardo spent his last days and where for two centuries French kings held court, Pfizer, the chemical conglomerate, is pumping out Viagra pills by the million. Local dignitaries are perturbed that tour guides are already calling Amboise "Viagra Valley" and that an impotence pill is more sought after than the Vouvray and the rest of its wines.

Christopher Jones, director of the mayor's office said yesterday: "There is passionate interest in Viagra at the moment, but we hope it will fade away when the frenzy dies down. We appreciate what it's worth to our economy, but we want Château Amboise to be a bigger draw than Château Pfizer.

You can see the chemical plant from the Gothic ramparts of the château, much of it built in the 15th century by Charles VIII, who spent his childhood here. Sprawled out for about half a mile alongside the Loire is Viagra City, a jumble of warehouses, storage tanks and laboratories barricaded behind white metal fencing topped with razor wire. A line of plane trees is dwarfed by grey pre-fabricated windowless buildings 100ft high. Video cameras and security guards usually deter the curious, but yesterday plant director Jean Lhoste wanted to show off what he describes as "the most successful and exciting drug of all time".

Producing a blue and white packet from his pocket, M Lhoste said: "We will make tens of millions of these a year, working around the clock, to satisfy Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Frankly we can't keep up with demands."

Aware of the rising excitement and the risible reputation Viagra is acquiring, M Lhoste said: "Remember we are making a true medicine, not a fun drug, though of course we want to make money."

Consignments leave in unmarked lorries to deter hijackers, and the first supplies to Britain were sent a week ago in secret.

M Lhoste says it is impossible to stop every tablet from going astray. "We do not snoop on our 640 staff. We trust them and they are aware of their responsibilities." But he admitted that Pfizer may introduce surveillance cameras on Viagra production lines. There, staff are clad in white overalls, masks and shower caps for their own protection. "They are not embarrassed about what they're handling, it's just another drug to them," he said.

The local men are indignant, however, that the location of this plant suggests they may have a particular need for Viagra's properties. At the pharmacist's nearest the factory, Michel Grosdemange said no one has been asking him for Viagra, but he does regularly have to top up the condom machine outside of his shop.

Over bottles of Amboise's more traditional and convivial export last night, businessman Henri Paulet said: "The men here do fine on our wines, and our women have no complaints as far as I know."

The town's mayor, Bernard Debré, is more appreciative than most of Viagra's worth as he is a professor of urology at a Paris university hospital. The son of a former French prime minister, he is irritated by the jokes about the drug and of Amboise being called the erection section of the French economy.

Pfizer's recent £55 million investment to accommodate Viagra's production meant another 150 jobs at a time when vineyards in the region are gently shedding numbers. Christopher Jones said: "We do not have any environmental worries about what the plant might do to our grapes. We don't breathe in Viagra, though perhaps some might want to."

Amboise has been an important site since prehistoric times. The Celts and the Romans appreciated its strategic significance and in the 11th century three lords fought a 20-year war for control of this route along the Loire. Work on the château originally began in the 12th century but it was Charles VIII and his childhood attachment to Amboise that was responsible for much of what remains.

In 1498, the excitable young king was taking his queen to see a game of fives when he hit his head on a lintel of a door and died within nine hours. His successors, Louis XII and François I, continued to build at Amboise but without the same passion. François occasionally installed his court there but put it at the disposal of Leonardo da Vinci who lived there from 1516 for the last three years of his life. He brought the *Mona Lisa* and other favourite works with him. He is buried in the heart of the castle.

Last night the occupants of Amboise were considering the consequences of what its new product could bring back to life.



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NHS: no
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Hot-blooded Europeans will pay to protect their reputation

FRANCE is awaiting the arrival of Viagra with bated breath (Susan Bell writes). Contrary to their reputation as the world's greatest lovers, it is estimated that nearly three million, or one in ten, French men suffers from sexual problems ranging from lack of libido to complete impotence.

Yesterday, *France Soir* and *Le Parisien* trumpeted the news of the drug's approval across their front pages. However *la pilule d'amour* will not actually be in the pharmacies until early October when a stampede is confidently predicted.

FRANCE

Viagra, which will retail at Fr60 a tablet, will be available only on prescription and will not be reimbursed by social security. Stocks of France's natural alternative, Tigra, sold out in the first week when it was launched in July.

Jean-Louis Galland, a chef, has been prosecuted for serving Viagra sauce in his restaurant in Thonon-Les-Bains, which was offered as an accompaniment to the médaillons de boeuf.

GERMANS have been flooding to Switzerland to buy Viagra (Roger Boyes writes). It sells for about £270 for 30 and in Poland "Viagra tourists" pay about £50 for three pills on the black market.

Germany's Viagra policy is fuzzy. Health ministry officials assumed yesterday that the country would follow the European Union, which has authorised the marketing of Viagra.

The German Federal Chamber of Physicians — which advises the health minister — has ruled that the drug should not be subsidised by state insurance. Eight million German men suffer from potency problems. Health experts calculate that if the men took the £9 pill twice a week, the health insurance budget would rise to more than £6 billion a year.

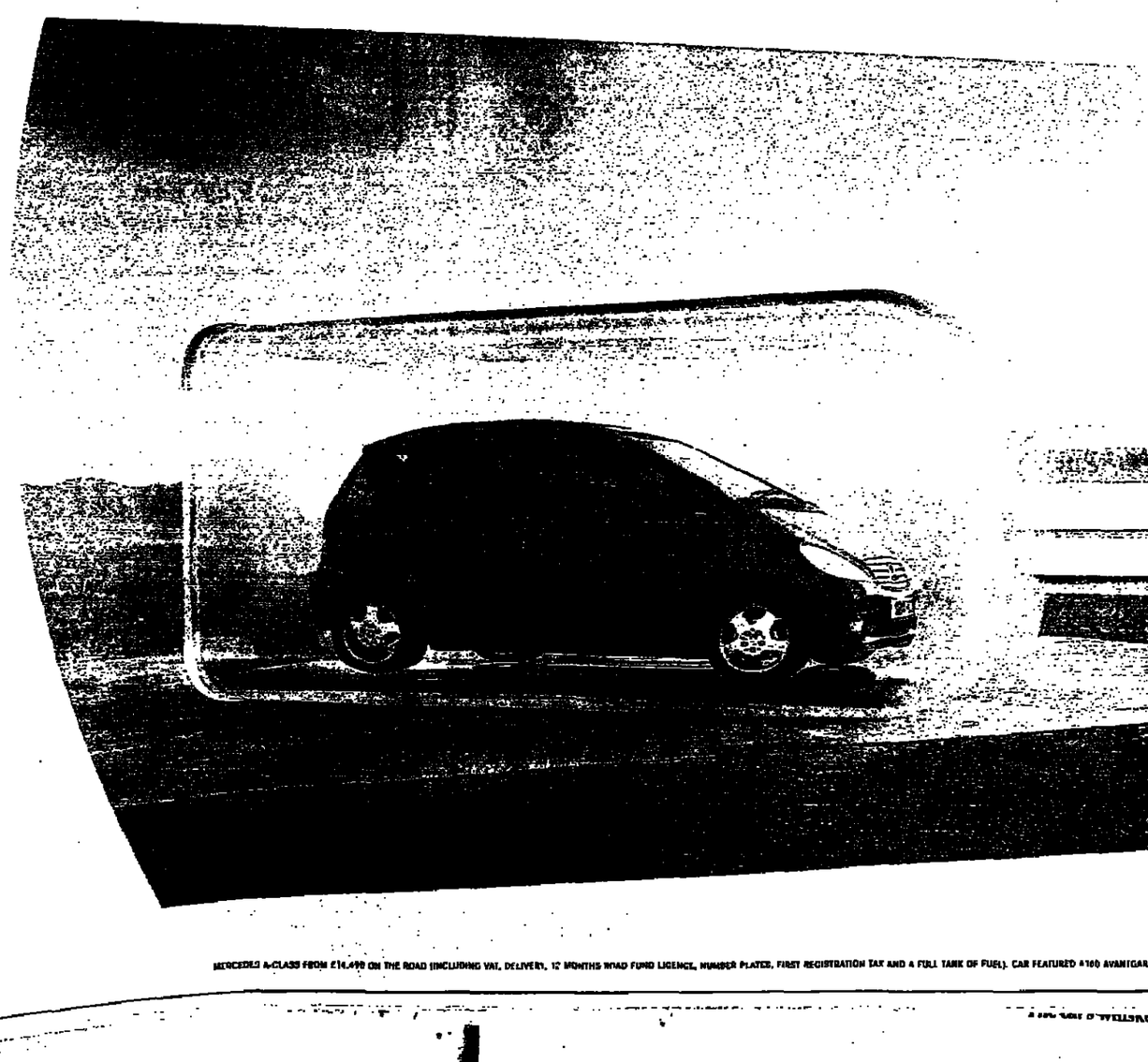
The question is whether this ruling could be upheld in court. One court has already decided that a patient should have his insurance costs covered for treatment with a similar drug.

GERMANY

VIAGRA will be available in Italy in December for about £6 a pill, after the Italian ministry of health completed bureaucratic procedures to comply with both the Brussels directive and Italian regulations (Richard Owen writes). It is classed as a Band C pharmaceutical, for which the patient has to pay the full cost privately. Drugs are strictly controlled in Italy: only 5,500 are on the approved register, compared with 35,000 in Britain and 50,000 in the United States.

Despite the macho image of the Italian male, magazines have run repeated cover stories on what they claim is a widespread impotence problem. Eighty per cent of Italian men questioned in one poll this week said they had heard of Viagra. Of those, 10 per cent said they would consider taking it, but 30 per cent thought it would be "far too harmful or dangerous". In Pisa, moves to pull the Leaning Tower upright have been dubbed the Viagra plan.

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Police Superintendents' Conference

DNA detectives will fit a face to a flake of skin

Stewart Tendler on how science is catching up with the criminal

A SINGLE flake of dandruff will soon be enough for scientists to build up a criminal's photofit, police commanders were told yesterday.

Experts believe they will be able to create "genetic e-fits", using information gleaned from a DNA sample to build a picture of a suspect's race, build, eye and hair colour, and even behavioural characteristics.

Within a year, forensic scientists will be able to take DNA samples from minute scraps of skin left at the scene of a burglary and from such surfaces as the steering wheel of a stolen car, the keyboard of a computer and the outside of a drink can. They will be able to identify DNA from the wrappings round illegal drugs that dealers and couriers had hidden in their bodies.

The photofit will be available within a decade. It will include the height of the suspect and other details including the shape of the ears and chin and inherited physical defects.

The DNA advances were forecast yesterday by Kevin Sullivan, DNA research and development manager for the Forensic Science Service, speaking to the annual conference of the Police Superintendents' Association in Bristol. He said that genetic profiling was the "Holy Grail" for scientists but would be achieved within ten years, aided by international work on gene identification.

Dr Sullivan, who worked on the identification of the remains of the last Tsar, Nicholas II, said that the breakthrough in taking DNA samples from dandruff would allow investigators to take material from the tiny particles of human skin that are found at every scene. He said: "People are constantly shedding skin cells. The majority of household dust is made up of dead skin and we know we can get DNA from an individual skin cell."

He said that an armed robber could be tracked down by DNA evidence taken within 12 months from flakes of dandruff left behind in a discarded balaclava. It is a person's DNA, contained in every cell in the body, which predicts an enormous range of characteristics including skin, hair and eye colour, bone structure and even propensity to some illnesses and personality traits.

He told the conference that DNA testing had become "1,000 times more sensitive" in the past decade. Whereas ten years ago scientists needed a bloodstain the size of a 10p piece to conduct a test, they now required just a pin-prick invisible to the naked eye.

DNA samples would soon be used to re-examine unsolved sex cases and could even be used in miscarriage-of-justice cases. Scientists were working on ways of extracting DNA from sperm samples taken many years ago and still being stored.

New developments meant it was possible to identify bodies that had been hidden for some time. DNA can be taken from hair shafts in the skull, from bone and faeces and matched with the mothers of possible victims.

Work was developing on portable DNA testing facilities which could be used at the scenes of crimes to speed up investigations.

Dr Sullivan said mass screening in major inquiries had grown. Since the first screening in 1987, in a double murder case in Leicestershire, there had been 91 screening operations in Britain involving 26,000 samples. Offenders were identified in 30 cases and in one case a suspect walked into a police station and gave himself up when DNA screening was announced by police.

Dr Sullivan said that in the next five years scientists would improve the collection of DNA samples from blood and saliva left on surfaces such as cigarettes.

Further work on identifying DNA in animals would begin next year. He said this could be used to solve crimes against humans. Children who were assaulted sometimes left hairs from their pets on the clothing of their attackers, which could be used to identify suspects.



MICK RAY

Robert Smith, whose daughter's killer was caught after mass DNA tests, addressing the conference yesterday against a backdrop of her picture

Pain will never end, says father of murdered girl

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE father of a murdered girl whose killer was caught by DNA testing said yesterday that the £1.25 million cost of the inquiry was nothing compared with the human cost being paid by her family.

Robert Smith said that he and his wife would never get over the devastation caused by the abduction, rape and murder of their daughter, Louise, 18, who vanished on Christmas Day, 1995.

"The knowledge that Louise was dead was bad enough, but to know what she had been subjected to was, and still is, unbearable. We thought then of her terror, her pain and the violation she endured to satisfy someone's selfish, cowardly and depraved desires," he said. "Louise's suffering is something that is always with us, and always will be."

David Frost, an engineering student, was sentenced to life imprisonment in February after investigations involving 700 officers. Miss Smith had disappeared on her way home from a nightclub at Yate near Bristol. Her body was found nearly two months later in a quarry but it took two years to catch Frost.

Detective Superintendent John Newman, of Avon and Somerset police, said yesterday that DNA samples were recovered from the scene where the body was found despite the effects of the weather over eight weeks. Police then began what at the time was the largest mass screening and asked for mouth swabs from 4,500 local men. Each swab cost £41.50 to analyse and the bill for screening came to £250,000. Frost had left Britain but was swabbed in South Africa and brought back for trial. He admitted the killing.

Mr Smith, speaking as family photographs of his daughter were projected on a screen behind him, said that the only thing which kept the family living in the weeks after her death was a determination to see her killer caught. But despite their elation at Frost's conviction, Mr Smith, 51, said that since the trial the family no longer had a goal to keep them going.

He said that he and his wife were still suffering from depression. "Christmas is the worst time. We have nothing to celebrate and the festivities which others are enjoying seem to be mocking us." Last month Miss Smith would have been 21.

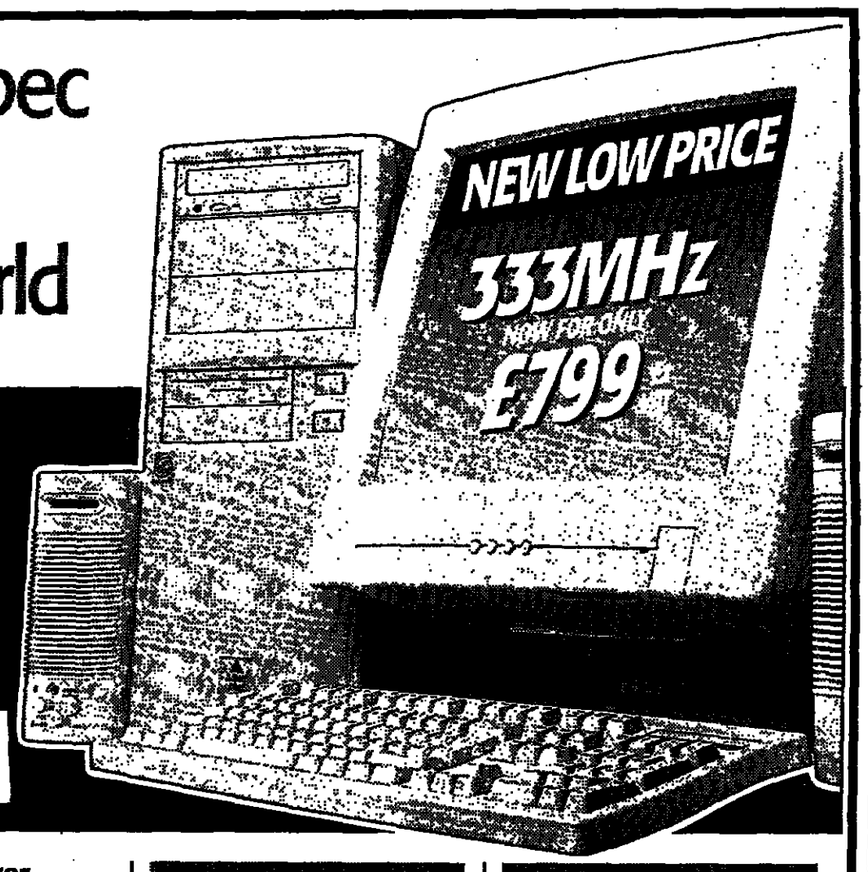
"It was hard to believe one person could cause so much harm and misery but that is what murder does."

Mr Smith said there was no "coming to terms" with such a crime. "The anger generated by what happened is indescribable and has not diminished with time. In fact, it has intensified."

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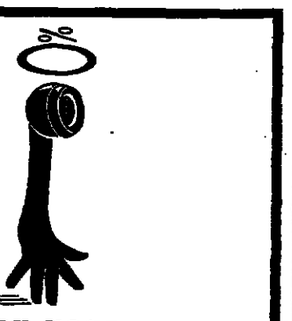
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Couple go missing with foster children

By Deborah Collcutt

POLICE are searching for a childless couple who disappeared with their two foster children after being summoned to a meeting with social workers.

It is feared that Jeffrey and Jennifer Bramley, from Ramsey, Cambridgeshire, may have fled in the belief that the two sisters, Jade and Hannah Bennett, were about to be taken away from them. The couple are believed to have wanted to adopt the girls.

The Bramleys, who have looked after Jade, 4, and Hannah, 3, since March were telephoned on Sunday evening by Cambridgeshire County Council social services department. They were reported missing after failing to turn up for the meeting the next morning in Huntingdon.

Police and social services described the Bramleys as being in a distressed state. Their disappearance is being treating as a missing persons inquiry and all sea and airports have been put on alert.

Police searched the couple's house and confirmed that their car and passports were missing. Liz Railton, the director of Cambridgeshire social services, said her department had tried to act in the best interests of the children.

"That has meant we have had to make some decisions which were distressing to the couple. I am entirely clear in my own mind that we have acted properly."

She said nothing had happened to indicate to social workers that the couple were about to disappear. Their natural mother has been kept informed of the search.

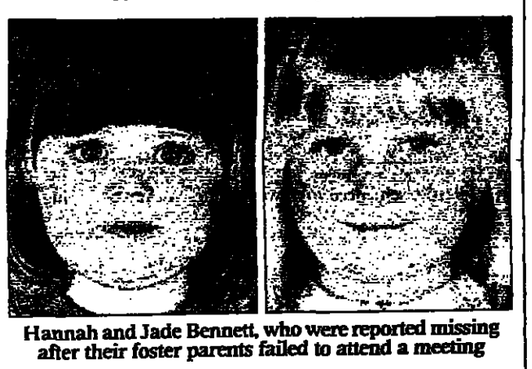
Mr Bramley, a Royal Mail worker in Peterborough, rang his office on Monday to say he would not be coming in because he was ill. Since then the four have not been seen. Ms Railton said: "We are concerned because of the couple's distress and their disappearance without warning or trace.

"There has never been any concern that Mr and Mrs Bramley would physically harm these children. Staff in the social services have been trying to support the couple for a couple of months."

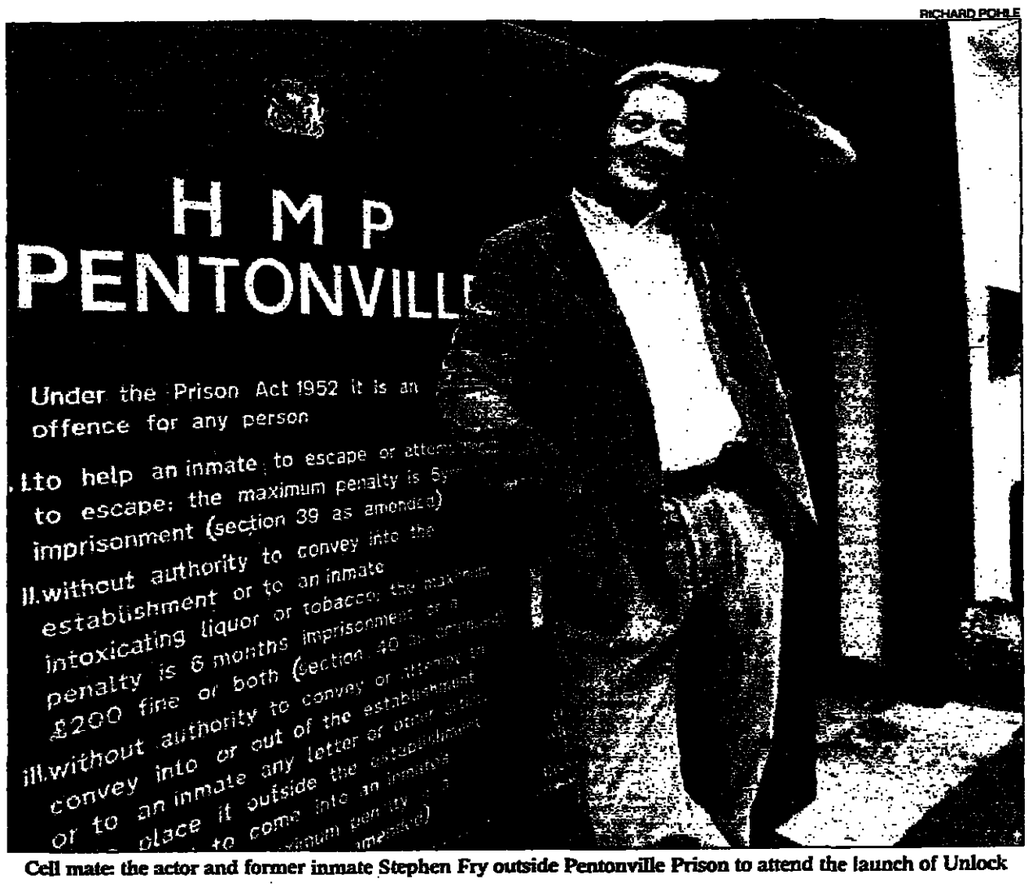
Mr and Mrs Bramley are on the social services approved foster parent list. Neighbours said they seemed to be devoted to the two girls. One said: "The children seemed very happy and they were often out playing with them. They doted on the children."

Sergeant Chris Skepper of Cambridgeshire Constabulary said: "I would urge anyone who knows where they might have gone or who saw them leave to come forward. I am concerned for all four people, but in particular for the two young girls."

The couple are thought to have left in a blue Honda Concerto, registration G152 SHR. Jade is said to have fair hair and blue eyes. She is about 3ft tall, sturdy and has a mole on her right cheek. Hannah has fair to light brown hair, blue eyes and is about 2ft 9in. She is also of sturdy build.



Hannah and Jade Bennett, who were reported missing after their foster parents failed to attend a meeting



RICHARD POHLE

Cell mate: the actor and former inmate Stephen Fry outside Pentonville Prison to attend the launch of Unlock

Fry goes back to jail for launch of ex-convicts' group

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

THE comic actor Stephen Fry visited Pentonville prison yesterday to launch an "old boys' association" for ex-convicts aimed at helping them stay out of trouble on their release.

Fry, who spent several months on remand in a Young Offender Institution after going on a spending spree with a stolen credit card, is the director of the new organisation, Unlock.

He told inmates and staff at the prison, in North London, that he had survived his months in the YOI at Pucklechurch near Bristol because he had been educated at an English public school.

Fry, 40, who is related to the well-known 19th-century prison reformer, Elizabeth Fry, said he had been happiest while in prison when he was helping others, including assisting a young offender from Wales to learn to read. He recalled being nicknamed "the Professor" by other inmates and spending three hours a week in the chapel playing the piano and practising hymns for services. "The best way to make people feel worthwhile is to get them to do something for other people. That is what Unlock aims to do," he said.

Unlock wants to give offenders the chance to offer advice to the Government and the Prison Service on what is needed to help offenders in jail or on their release. It aims to provide a discharge package for every prisoner, giving basic details about benefits, housing, employment and how to manage a budget.

The organisation, whose president is Sir Stephen Tumim, the former chief inspector of prisons, also wants ex-offenders to join prison visiting boards.

Richard Tilt, director general of the Prison Service, welcomed the organisation, which was the idea of Mark Leech, a former prisoner. Mr Tilt said: "We need to make use of the expertise of people who have come out of prison and have made a success of turning away from crime. They know what needs to be done far better than we do."

Doctor left after 'botched' surgery

By Deborah Collcutt

A GYNAECOLOGIST perforated a patient's bladder during a botched hysterectomy operation, left her bleeding and failed to investigate the cause, the General Medical Council was told yesterday.

It was claimed that Rodney Ledward, 58, a consultant, had switched off his mobile telephone after leaving the hospital, having ordered a test. A sister at the Bupa St Saviour's Hospital in Hythe, Kent, was unable to make contact with Mr Ledward and was forced to call Dr John Davis, a gynaecologist from the nearby William Harvey Hospital in Ashford.

Dr Davis told the hearing in central London that he had tried to contact Mr Ledward when he observed that the patient required urgent surgery. He said: "I tried him three times on his mobile, which said it was switched off. The next day, he told me his mobile phone had not been working on the coastal road."

Mr Ledward is accused of 14 counts of misconduct at William Harvey and St Saviour's between 1989 and 1996. He denies the charges.

In December Mr Kedward was dismissed from the South Kent Hospitals NHS Trust.

Son died in flames after row at party

By A Correspondent

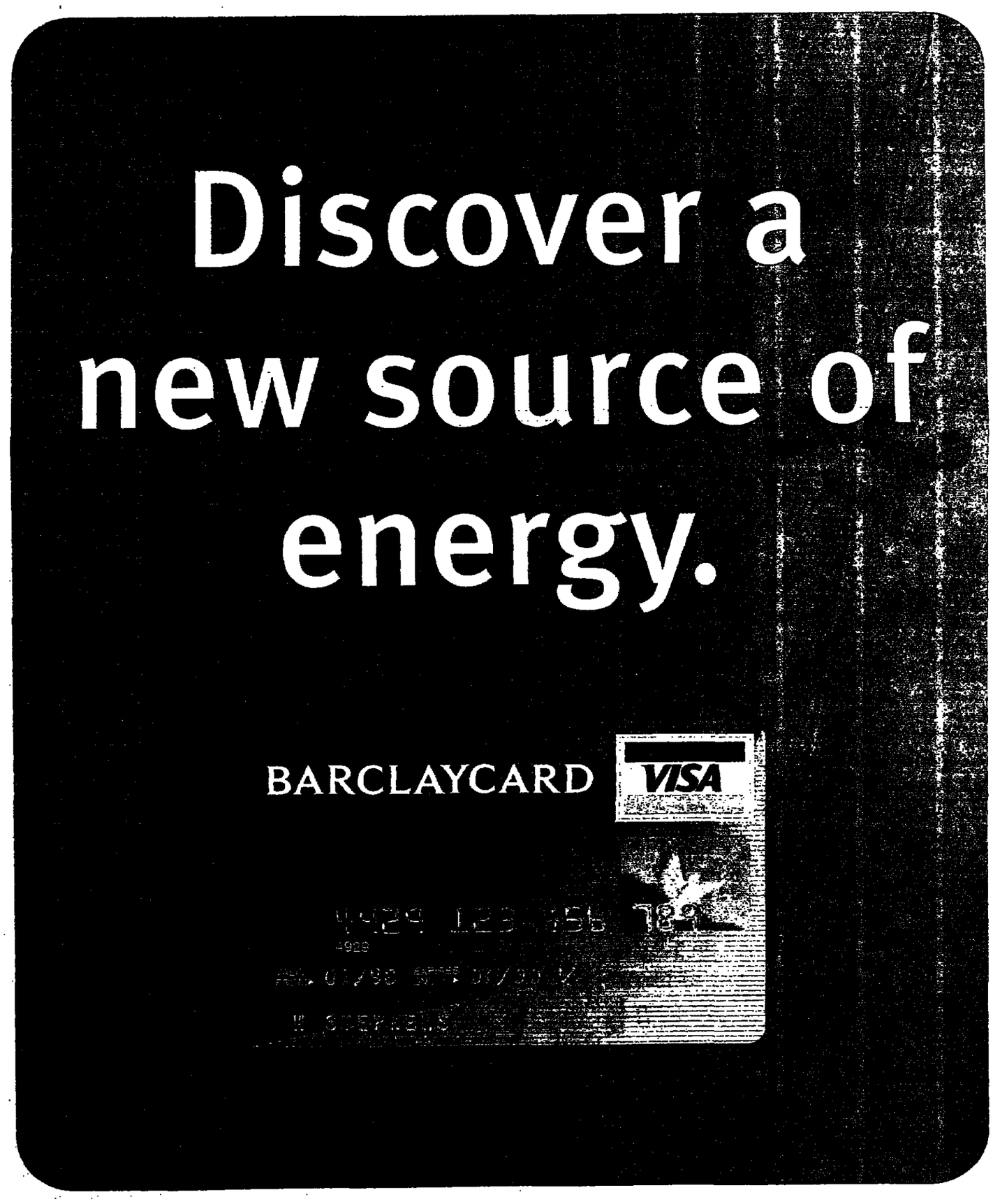
A MOTHER thought her 24-year-old son was going to give her a hug after an argument. But as he walked past a lighted candelabra, James Jenvey's petrol-soaked shirt burst into flames, an inquest was told yesterday.

Mr Jenvey, a trainee supermarket manager, had deliberately spilt the fuel on his clothes after an argument with his girlfriend, Lisa Barry, 19, during a dinner party at his mother's country home. He suffered 60 per cent burns in the accident at the thatched cottage at Breamore, Hampshire, and died three days later.

Detective Sergeant Robert Bowness told the hearing in Southampton that during the row, Mr Jenvey had pushed Miss Barry onto the kitchen floor. His mother, Eunice Jenvey, 47, had called him a bully and, when he threatened to pour petrol on himself and set light to it, had said: "Go on then. I'll get the matches." Some time later, Mr Jenvey had walked towards her as if to give her a cuddle. "It was then that he burst into a ball of flame."

More than forty firefighters battled in vain for more than five hours to put out the blaze, which eventually destroyed the cottage.

DS Bowness stressed there was no evidence that Mr Jenvey had been suicidal. Recording a verdict of accidental death, Keith Wiseman, the Southampton coroner, said: "I don't think the matters in the dispute have any direct bearing on what occurred." He added: "I would like those present not to feel any responsibility or blame for what occurred on the evening in question. It is quite clear what happened was an accident in the truest sense of the word."



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Plans to end the Bar's monopoly split profession

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE legal profession divided yesterday over proposals to curb its restrictive practices.

A leading QC said the Lord Chancellor's plans to give the Government final control over who appeared in the courts amounted to a "quiet constitutional revolution". Sydney Kentridge said the proposals had the potential to destroy the independence of the legal profession.

However, the Law Society, representing solicitors, came out strongly in support of the plans, which will see an end to the Bar's near-monopoly of advocacy rights in the Crown Court and above. It said the proposals, outlined by Lord Irvine of Lairg in a consultation paper in June, would improve consumer choice and called on the Government to press ahead with legislation.

In his opinion commissioned for the Bar, which has been sent to the Lord Chancellor, Mr Kentridge says that for 700 years authority over court advocates has ultimately resided in the judges. The proposals would erode that authority and the independence of the Bar. "It is no exaggeration to characterise the proposals in the consultation paper as amounting to a constitional revolution."

Under the proposals, he says, the judiciary would no longer have the power to decide who may appear before them, just a right to be consulted. "It would remove from the judiciary a power and function which has been exercised by the judges in this country for some hundreds of years and would transfer it to the executive."

Lord Irvine is also proposing an end to the veto now enjoyed by senior judges over who should have the right to present cases in the courts.

Russell Wallman, director of policy at the Law Society, observing that Lord Irvine's proposals would enable more solicitors to exercise rights of audience, said the new system of deciding who should have such rights was also to be welcomed.

The Legal Action Group also strongly endorsed Lord Irvine's proposals yesterday. The group, which represents legal aid lawyers and advice workers, said that the "ultimate decision-making power should rest with the Lord Chancellor, in his capacity as as government minister, not as head of the judiciary".

The Bar is not opposed to allowing trained solicitors into the higher courts, but it is against allowing lawyers employed by the Crown Prosecution Service to be allowed into the Crown Court, arguing this would undermine the independence of the prosecution process.

Mr Kentridge says that Lord Irvine's consultation paper cites many reasons for extending advocacy rights in the higher courts beyond the Bar. "But it gives no reason whatsoever why the judges should be regarded as no longer fit to carry out their centuries-old constitutional function in regard to rights of audience and professional discipline."

He adds: "If these proposals become law, they will obviously increase the power of the Government to control the legal profession and, therefore, the judicial process."

Under the proposed regime, he says, any professional conduct rule of the Bar that affects advocacy rights may not be changed without the Lord Chancellor's consent and the Lord Chancellor, after consultation, may change those rules without the consent either of the Bar or of the judges.

"I suggest this would seriously undermine the independence of the Bar and could, in the hands of another Lord Chancellor less committed to the independence of the Bar, entirely destroy it."

RICHARD POHLE



Lieutenant Kate Cotterill in a blouson while the actress Jemma Redgrave keeps to tradition

Salvation Army puts new styles on parade

BY CLAUDIA JOSEPH

THE Salvation Army has introduced blouson jackets and jumpers amid efforts to combat its Victorian image and falling membership.

Epaulettes and badges denoting rank are to go and hats will no longer be compulsory. The changes come after 2,200 members of the public were asked about their perceptions of the Salvation Army. An image of bonnets and brass bands persists.

While the unisex blousons, plus jumpers or cardigans, will be worn by members on community work, the navy blue suits introduced in the Sixties are being retained for parades for the time being. However, dress for formal occasions is also under review.

The Salvation Army, which was formed in 1865 by William Booth, a Methodist minister, to tackle poverty, introduced its uniform in 1879 to aid "unity and recognition". Until the 1960s women wore fitted jackets, skirts and bonnets and men wore tunics and trousers. These were replaced by a two-piece suit which costs up to £200. Bonnets were replaced by felt hats.

The latest change comes after younger members had begun customising their outfits. The blouson will cost £35.99.

At its peak in 1948, the Salvation Army had 120,000 members but numbers have declined steadily and now stand at 43,000.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man held over boy's murder

Detectives investigating the murder of the Norfolk schoolboy Thomas Marshall yesterday arrested a local man aged 50. Thomas, 12, went missing from his home in Happisburgh in August 1997 after telling his parents that he was going to meet a friend on his bicycle. His body was found 24 hours later, 50 miles away in a wooded picnic area on the A11 near Thetford. He had been strangled.

Police said that the man being questioned, who has not been named, lived in north Norfolk and was being held at North Walsham police station.

Freedom move

A paedophile won the right in the High Court to challenge the legality of a decision by the North Thames Mental Health Review Tribunal to keep him in hospital. Trevor Holland, 54, is described by the authorities as violent and a risk to society.

Passenger row

A plane carrying 120 holidaymakers from Malaga to Dublin made an unscheduled landing at Bristol after two passengers became unruly. The two, both from Dublin, made their own way home after being arrested and released without charge.

Crash deaths

Sharon Sheehan, 23, and her sister Fionnula, 19, died after a lorry and a mini-van carrying special-needs pupils collided in Arklow, Co Wicklow, in the Irish Republic. Jackie Kavanagh, 50, the bus driver, Robert Cullen, 12, and Kevin O'Leary, 11, also died.

Not so noisy

Complaints about noisy neighbours rose only slightly last year after a ten-year run of increasing anger over loud stereos, barking dogs and other nuisances, the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health conference in Harrogate was told.

Bittern boost

A scheme to lure the Bittern back to the Norfolk Broads has been given an £80,000 grant by Anglian Water. Only one Bittern call has been heard in the region this year. The money will be used to create reed beds at Strumpshaw Fen near Norwich.

Jail key alert

Locks at Strangeways prison, Manchester, are to be changed after officials realised that a four-year-old information video featured close-ups of keys being used in cell-door locks. There are fears that the video could help anyone trying to make copies.

Action promised over Net racism

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE National Criminal Intelligence Service is to play a central role in efforts to curb the spread of racist and other illegal material on the Internet, Jack Straw has indicated.

The Home Secretary said that the Internet was "vulnerable to abuse because websites and newsgroups are accessible from across international borders". Many of the far Right and neo-Nazi websites originate from the United States, Canada, Germany and Scandinavia. The Home Secretary said it was essential that governments co-operated to assist in the removal of illegal material and in the prosecution of its originators.

NCIS, which has been working with other police forces around the world to break up child pornography rings, submitted a report on other illegal uses of the Internet to the Government this year. A spokesman said: "We have identified racism as a potential problem and made recommendations for a strategy for law enforcement on the Internet. When information is passed to us about material published on the Net, what we can do is identify what jurisdiction it comes from, identify the service provider and alert the relevant authorities."

Addressing the Board of Deputies of British Jews on Monday evening, Mr Straw also said that ministers were monitoring the problem of "Holocaust denial". The Government was reluctant to ban it, he said; there was a need to balance guarding against offence, such as that caused by claims that the Nazi Holocaust did not happen, with free speech. There was a danger that, "by introducing legislation, we would play into the hands of those who peddle these lies by giving them a public platform".

Student barristers to give free advice

BY OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

STUDENT barristers are to give members of the public free walk-in legal advice. The clinic will be opened in the autumn by Peter Goldsmith, QC, a former chairman of the Bar.

The idea has been promoted by the College of Law, which runs training courses for the Bar and the Law Society, and also of the Bar Pro Bono Unit, where qualified barristers take on small cases for nothing.

The clinic will open initially for one evening a week at the college's premises in Chancery Lane, the heart of London's legal quarter. Students will give people advice on small claims such as those involving personal injury, landlord and tenant disputes, small debtors and disagreements between neighbours.

Suzanne Fine, head of the College of Law's Bar vocational course, said: "The idea is to inculcate in Bar students the importance of giving freely of their time and services."

Students will work under the supervision of Adele Cox, a law lecturer who teaches on the Bar vocational course and who has also experience of running a law centre.

☐ A do-it-yourself course for people who want to conduct their cases in the small claims and county courts is to be started this month by the National Council for Access to the Law. If successful, the Bristol Law Society scheme may be developed nationwide.

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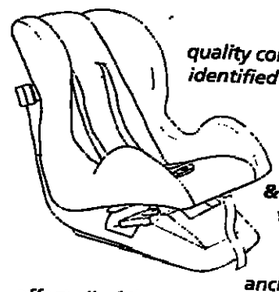
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'Driver fatigue' prompts call for car tachograph

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

COMPANY car drivers should have their hours at the wheel limited, road safety campaigners said yesterday after the publication of evidence underlining the scale of "driver fatigue".

A new survey shows that one in seven drivers admits to have fallen asleep at the wheel more than ten times in the last year. The research coincides with evidence that up to 900 road deaths a year — one quarter of the total — are a result of motorists falling asleep while driving. The figures are now accepted by government officials as being higher than those caused by drink-driving, which stood at 580 last year.

Road safety campaigners and a leading researcher into the problems of driver fatigue called yesterday on companies to develop tighter controls, including the introduction of tachographs, the devices that are fitted to coaches and lorries to monitor drivers' hours.

Growing evidence of the death toll caused by drowsiness has also prompted the Government to begin its first detailed examination of dashboard warning systems intended to keep drivers awake. It was announced yesterday that studies are to be carried out into some of the leading systems. These include those that monitor a driver's frequency of blinking and others that sound an alarm if a driver slumps forward in his seat.

Research carried out by Brake, a road safety campaigning organisation, and Essex Police, suggests that two thirds of drivers admit to falling asleep and 15 per cent have done so more than 10 times. The proportion of those dozing off rises among motorists driving for work purposes to 72 per cent and to 82 per cent among lorry drivers.

A conference on driver fatigue was told yesterday that companies are increasingly likely to be prosecuted, possibly for manslaughter, if they have failed to take adequate precautions to protect their staff while at work, which includes driving for business.

Although most prosecutions are made under legislation covering the use of tachographs in lorries and coaches, Mary Williams, executive director of Break, said: "Health and Safety laws can be used against any employer who fails to protect his staff. Tachographs are now commonplace and employers could certainly use them to protect themselves against prosecution."

There are some 2.2 million company cars in Britain, compared to 400,000 heavy goods vehicles. Manufacturers estimate that tachographs could be fitted to cars for as little as £100.

Lorry drivers are limited to driving 56 hours a week in six days, or four-and-a-half hours at a stretch, but loopholes in the law allow some drivers to stay at the wheel for up to seven hours without a break. The conference was also told that falsified records are common in the haulage industry.

Professor Jim Horne, of the Sleep Research Laboratory at Loughborough University, told yesterday's Wake Up To Fatigue Conference: "More and more people are using their cars as offices and driving huge distances because of the pressure of work." However, he was wary of in-car monitor devices, which he said could encourage drivers to take further risks.

Hospital defends job for Parry

THE hospital that has given a job to Deborah Parry, the nurse accused in Saudi Arabia of murdering a colleague, defended its action yesterday after complaints to the nursing regulatory body.

Holy Cross Hospital at Haslemere, Surrey, said that she had previously worked there from June 1982 to March 1983 and proved to be "capable and caring". Christopher Hinton, the hospital administrator, said: "She made many friends among the staff and this friendship helped to sustain her during the difficult months spent in Saudi Arabia."

Before offering her the post as a registered nurse, which began on September 14, the hospital had double-checked her application with the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting to ensure that she was still registered to practise in Britain, he said.

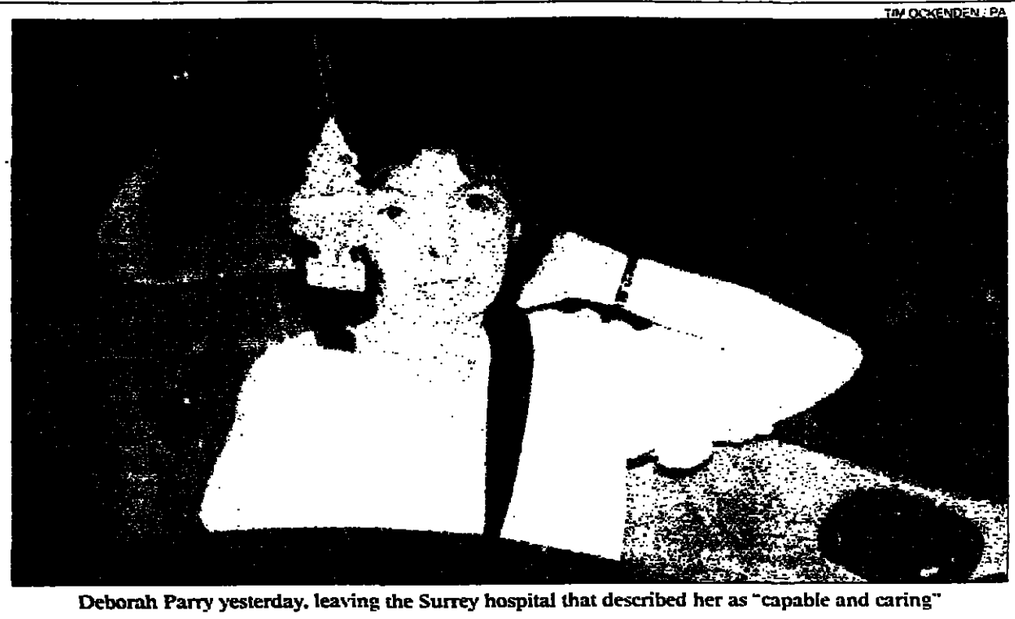
Ms Parry, 40, who lives with her sister in Alton, Hampshire, is said to be "delighted" by the opportunity to continue her career.

The Central Council said yesterday that it is investigating her case "as a matter of urgency" after receiving three complaints about her re-employment. Two were from nurses and one from George Galloway, MP for Glasgow Kelvin, who has called on the Health Secretary to "forbid this grisly appointment".

"It is grotesque that a woman who was convicted of killing a nursing colleague in the most brutal of circumstances should be nursing again," he said. "I wouldn't like any of my relatives treated to her tender loving care." Ms Parry and Lucille McLauchlan, 32, were freed in an act of mercy by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia after being held for the murder of Miss Gilford, 55, in Dhahran hospital in December 1996. They deny the killing and say that confessions were forced out of them.

The Central Council said that it could not proceed with its investigation because the Saudi authorities would not provide evidence of a murder conviction or evidence to back up the charge, as required by the council's disciplinary system. It was taking legal advice on how to proceed and was anxious to hold an impartial hearing.

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Deborah Parry yesterday, leaving the Surrey hospital that described her as "capable and caring"

Drink-drive man wins back licence

A BUSINESSMAN has had a drink-drive ban quashed because he did not realise he was breaking the law by driving home on farm tracks while over the alcohol limit.

Cyril Stammers, 56, thought he was allowed to drive his Range Rover back from the local public house by avoiding public roads and going on bridleways and footpaths. But police lying in wait, who breathalysed him halfway through his three-mile cross-country journey home from the The Plough at Sutton, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, found he was slightly over the limit.

Stammers, managing director of a gardening and landscaping firm, admitted drink-driving at Deben magistrates court on August 28. He was banned from driving for 12 months, fined £600 and ordered to pay £40 costs.

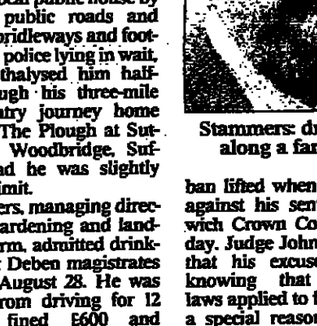
But Stammers, of Hollesley near Woodbridge, had the ban lifted when he appealed against his sentence at Ipswich Crown Court on Monday. Judge John Holt agreed that his excuse about not knowing that drink-drive laws applied to footpaths was a special reason for him to keep his licence.

Stammers will still have to pay his fine and costs.



Stammers: drove home along a farm track

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ROBIN COOK: LOVE AFFAIRS AND LEADERSHIP BATTLES



Robin Cook and former wife, Margaret; the strain shows as the Gaynor Regan relationship becomes public; Mr Cook, the politician, with the Blairs; the other love of his life, racing, with journalist friend John McCririck; and with his new wife

Public harmony masked private anguish



Robin Cook today starts a five-day trip to Brunei and Malaysia with the Queen, accompanied by his new wife Gaynor, their first official overseas visit together, **Philip Webster** writes. It is the second leg of an autumn treble for the race-loving Foreign Secretary, the first being a biography and the third, a book by his ex-wife

TWELVE days before Robin Cook suddenly ended his marriage because of his affair with Gaynor Regan, he was telling friends what it was like to be a happily married man.

On July 20 last year Margaret Cook, who had known of her husband's relationship with Ms Regan since 1995 but hoped that it had ended, made her first visit to the Foreign Secretary's official country residence at Chevening in Kent. Also there were their sons, Christopher and Peter, and John McCririck, the racing journalist and a close family friend, and Jenny, his wife. According to Mr McCririck: "They seemed very happy. He [Mr Cook] looked in love with her." The Foreign Secretary even referred lightheartedly to what it was like to be a happily married man.

Mrs Cook's shock when told on August 1 that a Sunday newspaper was about to disclose the affair and that her husband had chosen Ms Regan in preference to her, is described in a just published biography of Mr Cook by John Kampfner.

Both Mrs Cook and her husband had been bracing themselves for revelations for a year. Since the election in May of last year, however, the atmosphere between them had markedly improved. They talked a lot and arranged their diaries for the rest of the year to give themselves as much time as possible together on holiday, at equestrian events and on official trips such as the handover of Hong Kong to China.

The new-found harmony was shattered when Alastair Campbell, the Prime Minister's press secretary, made the now celebrated call to Mr Cook as he and Mrs Cook drove to Heathrow for a three-week holiday in America.

Claims that Mr Campbell had ordered Mr Cook to end his marriage are not borne out by Kampfner's detailed account of the events of that day. Mr Campbell told Mr Cook that the *News of the World* was about to run a story about the affair, adding that "for what it was worth, clarity in news management was the only way they were going to get out of it".

Mr Cook, Kampfner writes, took "clarity" to mean that he should make a choice one way or another, and told Mr Campbell that he knew he could not go on holiday with his wife while being pursued by the press. Nor could he ditch Ms Regan. He told his wife: "The holiday's off. The *News of the World* has got the story and I can't see how the marriage can continue."

Mr Cook's friends deny in the book that he panicked over the revelation, and say he had known for some time that he would rather be with Ms Regan. But Mrs Cook was stunned, not over the revelations which she had feared, but because she had assumed the affair was over and did not believe that he would have the time, while serving in the Government, to resume it.

The book says she held to her belief that her husband was in two minds and "wanted me to plead with him to keep me. I couldn't do that."

But for the huge media concentration on President Clinton's battle to survive the *Starr Report*, these fresh disclosures about the Cook marriage would have caused a bigger stir. The book tells of several crises in the relationship between Mr Cook and his wife. She reveals how, just before the general election of 1987, he told her he was close to Celia Henderson, a riding instructor at a local stable.

"He told me he had had a whole string before her. The boys were in the house, so I could not lose my temper. But I made up my mind that the next time I would leave him."

The friendship with the riding instructor ended during the campaign and, one close friend said, Mr Cook was so distraught "that he considered giving up politics there and then".

The book provides an insight into Mr Cook's unhappiness during last year's election campaign when he was allegedly marginalised by Gordon Brown and Peter Mandelson, the campaign chiefs, and claims that he was confined mainly to helping John Prescott's campaign.

His team had a desk in Millbank Tower far from the action, and Mr Cook resented the over-arching central control. Once, when his bleeper sounded, he told an audience: "I've been told to call John Prescott. I must have committed Labour to a policy."

Then, in a hardly noticed interview, he said: "Anything that smacks of originality or innovative thinking is written up as 'off message'. It shows a certain lack of maturity in our political process."

The book also tells how Jonathan Powell, Tony Blair's chief of staff, told him before the election that he would not be granted his wish of making Joyce Quin, his number two in opposition, Minister for Europe. "Powell made clear Quin was not going to get the job. She had gone too native in her ten years in Strasbourg [as a Euro MP] and might not negotiate hard enough for Britain.

"Cook reluctantly accepted that, but tried to ensure an equivalent job for Quin in another department ... The fact that he could not even choose his own number two confirmed Cook's own fears."



Robin Cook and his old rival, Gordon Brown. Both coveted the job of Chancellor and Mr Cook's friends think he would have won it had he joined the Blair camp earlier

Price of 'dithering' was a place in Blair's inner circle

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

ROBIN COOK missed the chance of becoming part of Tony Blair's inner circle because of his "dithering" over whether to stand for the leadership after John Smith died in 1994.

The Foreign Secretary refused to pull out of the race until he was certain that Gordon Brown, his old rival, had also decided not to stand. Mr Cook ignored the advice of friends to "jump ship and support Tony before Gordon does" because he could not bear the thought of Mr Brown running and not him.

Friends of Mr Cook still believe that, had he joined Mr Blair's camp before Mr Brown, he might have got the job they both coveted most after the leadership — control of Labour's economic decision making.

The new biography of Mr Cook discloses that members of Mr Blair's leadership team had put out feelers to see whether he was prepared to be his number two, representing the Left of the party, on a joint ticket. The offers were turned down, however, because Mr Cook felt that he would not have freedom of expression as Deputy Leader — "loyalty without power," as he put it.

He also refused Mr Blair's request to run his campaign, the job he had done for Neil Kinnock in 1983 and Smith in 1992. He told the future Prime Minister: "Look, I'll support you but we are in serious danger of making a caricature out of me."

The book reveals that David Blunkett, now Education and Employment Secretary, had initially urged him to stand. However, Mo Mowlam, now Northern Ireland Secretary, told him, "in her usual direct and charming fashion," that he should have counted on the votes of about 70 MPs, more than a quarter of the parliamentary party, if he had decided early on to run. He was with some of his supporters in his Parliament Street office when news came that Smith, earlier reported to have had a heart attack, had died. That encounter was later portrayed by Mr Cook's enemies as a premature plot to go for the leadership. But although the subject of Mr Cook standing was raised, there was no proper discussion. "All our thoughts were with John's family," one of those present said.

> "I'll support you, but we're in serious danger of making a caricature out of me"

Mr Cook agreed to telephone Sunday newspaper journalists that weekend telling them he was being encouraged to stand. But the statement reached the papers as a firm decision to stand, which Mr Cook had not intended and which did not do him any good.

Mr Cook was disappointed by an interview in which Chris Smith, now the Heritage Secretary and then considered a natural ally, hinted at support for Mr Blair. Mr Smith later said: "He jumped too late. He genuinely dithered about whether to stand or not for quite some time and, with hindsight, I think if Robin had stood for deputy he might well have done extremely well."

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Blair heralds fight against urban squalor

Alexandra Frean on the Government's plans to spend £800m on improving the worst housing estates

REGENERATING the country's most squalid, deprived and run-down housing estates could take 20 years, Tony Blair said yesterday.

Announcing an £800 million package of reforms designed to involve local people in urban renewal projects, the Prime Minister said that bridging the gap between the poorest neighbourhoods and the rest of Britain was a priority.

No civilised society should tolerate social division which deprives millions of children of hope and opportunity. The poverty and fear in some communities "shames us as a nation", he said.

The bleak picture was painted in *Bringing Britain Together: a National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal*. The Social Exclusion Unit report identifies 4,000 estates and 44 districts suffering from the high concentrations of deprivation.

While the poorest people are becoming increasingly concentrated in small areas, some of the most deprived neighbourhoods lie only a mile or two from prosperous city centres where employers find it hard to fill vacancies.

Mr Blair launched the report at the Holly Street Estate in Hackney, near his former home of Islington. Although a £97 million regeneration project has helped to replace the estate's crumbling tower blocks with two-storey housing, open walkways and community facilities, the Prime Minister said that throwing money at the problem was not the solution. The key was fostering partnerships between local people and the providers of housing and other services.

John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, said that £12 million would be available this year to kick off the £800 million programme, known as the New Deal for Communities. The transformation will begin with initiatives such as "neighbourhood wardens" to help residents, and for "super-caretakers" on estates to carry out immediate repairs.

There should also be better financial services, possibly through the creation of local credit unions and the opening of more bank and Post Office branches. Supermarket chains are to be asked to supply corner shops with own-brand goods. Other proposals are for the provision of better arts and sports facilities, designed in consultation with the people who are to use them.

The first of the money will be spread between 17 deprived neighbourhoods across England: in Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle upon Tyne, Middlesbrough, Nottingham, Leicester, Birmingham Sandwell in the West Midlands, Kingston upon Hull, Brighton and Hove, Bradford, Norwich and Bristol as well as Newham, Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Southwark in London. More areas will be able to bid for funding in later years.

Partnerships involving community groups, public agencies, local authorities and businesses will be invited to submit bids by December 14. Ideally, proposed schemes would involve the long-term regeneration of 1,000 to 4,000 households. Money will be made available to successful bidders to develop their plans between January and June 1999. Funding for projects lasting up to ten years will then be available from July 1999.

Under the proposals, 18 action teams involving ten Whitehall departments and outside experts will be working in five main areas: getting people to work; getting places to work, by dealing with issues like housing management and anti-social behaviour; building a future for young people; access to services, such as banks and shops; and making the Government work better.

A key to the plan's success will be the ability of the Government to dovetail its initiatives into other, separate programmes targeted at schools, crime and health, and to make sure there is no overlap or confusion between projects put into operation under different headings.

The Child Poverty Action Group warned the Government that most of the proposals were aimed at tackling the symptoms rather than the causes of deprivation and social exclusion.

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Estate where hope walked out and gangs moved in

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

PAUL COUSANS



Boarded-up houses at Beswick, Manchester. A resident says concrete panels in the estate's homes are rotting away and sinking into the mud

SKID marks trace where joyriders have driven over pavements and derelict land to escape police; scorch marks on nearby boarded-up derelict houses reveal what happened to the cars.

Shefford Close, Beswick, in inner-city Manchester, is a slum by day and after dark, when the car gangs take over, becomes a no-go zone where the few remaining residents retreat behind double-bolted doors.

The Beswick Twoc-ers, named after the charge to "take without consent", like to "rally" their stolen cars in the car park behind Beswick Evangelical Church, now boarded up, covered in graffiti, swathed in barbed wire and awaiting demolition.

Huge gaps in the wooden fences of the modern low-rise terrace houses are evidence, say frightened residents, of previous police chases. But the gangs are only one problem in an area beset by all the inner-city ailments from joblessness to drug-related crime.

Chief among them is the inexorable nature of social deprivation. Those who can have moved from the neighbourhood surrounding Shefford Close, leaving homes sealed by metal shutters. Nobody wants to move into an area so obviously blighted.

Planners flattened the unloved blocks of flats in Ardwick and Beswick a decade ago but, in their wake, shopkeepers were forced to move out because of lack of trade.

Beswick shopping centre, in the shadow of Greymare Lane police station, once boasted a Co-op, a jeweller and a bank. Now it houses a 24-hour solicitor, a probation office, a Citizens Advice Bureau, a Kwik-Save and a branch of the social services.

It was to Beswick that the authors of the social exclusion report came to research the problems of abandonment and antisocial behaviour.

Manchester City Council is pinpointing pockets of intense deprivation in east Manchester, including Beswick, Openshaw and Clayton, for urban regeneration initiatives costing between £20 million and £50 million under the New Deal for Communities programme announced by the Government yesterday. In the short-term, this is likely to mean demolition for unlettable and decaying housing stock and improvements for what remains rather than wholesale rebuilding.

More importantly, say the council, is the partnership to be forged with residents on projects to lift the blight, whether attracting jobs, protecting homes and businesses, improving health or generally encouraging life back into the urban centres.

Sean McGonigle, principal strategy officer for Manchester Housing, said: "The answer is to provide a holistic approach to tackle the problems of the area. We have to look at the whole range of issues to improve the health of the area." They have a tough job. Beswick has been blighted since heavy industries closed or moved out long ago. Manchester City Council is hopeful that the £100 million project to build a stadium for the Commonwealth Games and sports village, on the Eastlands site, less than a quarter of a mile away, will be a powerful engine for change.

Mr McGonigle insisted that many parts of east Manchester host thriving communities. But some estates have a 100 per cent turnover in tenants each year and that is unsustainable, he says.

Manchester has a good track record. The city council has brought new life to North Hulme and Moss Side, once the epicentre of "Gunchester". It has overseen the renaissance of the Castlefield area, with well-appointed flats and restaurants for the middle class.

Julie Monash, 41, a Beswick resident, said: "The houses should be pulled down because there are always problems. The concrete panels are rotting away and sinking into the mud."

LIFE ON THE FRONT LINE

COMMENTS made to researchers from the Social Exclusion Unit as they visited poor areas show what life is like on the estates:

"Sometimes I feel sorry for [kids] when I see one of them carrying his Mum home from the pub. His Dad's still in the pub. You see a little boy of 4 out at 9pm shouting by himself."

"There are needles and rubbish and joints everywhere. There are kids everywhere, horrible kids, smoking and drinking, running on the roof. They say there are 8,000 rats under our flats."

"People are frightened to help each other or get involved for fear of reprisals. I want to be invisible because that feels safer than challenging people."

"Seven and eight-year-olds, sleeping out all night with cans of lager is common. They light a fire under the bridge and sniff gas. There is loads of glue-sniffing round here. The police just haven't got time for people like us."

"Everyone who was in my class has babies. I'm the only one who hasn't. I feel very left out. Only one is in a stable relationship and none are married."

"More than anything we need to make our schools as good as yours."

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Lottery will pay for entrance to top public school

A £4.9m grant will help to restore Stowe's palatial front, writes Marcus Binney

AN EXTENSIVE renovation programme at Stowe School was boosted yesterday by one of the largest grants ever made to an historic house.

The £4.9 million from the Heritage Lottery fund will go to a newly formed Stowe House Preservation Trust charged with carrying out a £25 million restoration programme. The scheme will greatly increase public access to both the house and landscape gardens, which the Government is seeking to have designated as a World Heritage Site.

Work will concentrate on Stowe's magnificent 200-yard north front, which 18th century owners steadily enlarged with the help of Vanburgh, Kent and Leoni. Stowe House was completed in about 1770 and became a school in 1923, since when more buildings have been added.

Peter Inskip, the architect in charge, said: "The condition is terrible. It's not only a problem with the local Helmsdon limestone, which turns to clay, but with cement render applied in the 1920s, which has caused actual structural failure because it behaves differently from the brick cores of the columns within."

Lord Temple used plaster render to conceal the many different periods of building in the north front. In a letter to Lady Chatham in 1771, he wrote: "My stucco columns gave immortal fame superior to my stone and yet I am fool enough to give way to prejudice and use stone most liberally on the south side." By re-using lime renders similar to those used by Lord Temple, Mr Inskip hopes to restore Stowe's palatial entrance front and colonades, now a dingy grey, to their original sparkling white.

He said: "Great historic houses have to be re-roofed about every 100 years and Stowe's was last done in 1860. Our philosophy will be to do all that is necessary — but as little as possible."

In recent years, the National Trust has taken over Stowe's landscape gardens and restored many of its famous temples. Now the house is also to be open 100 days a year and will form the main approach to the gardens. Visitors will enter through the great hall and the spectacular domed saloon to enjoy the panorama from the great south portico across the lake to the magnificent triumphal arch set on the skyline nearly a mile away.

The school will pay a market rent to the new trust for the space it occupies. The trust's Rupert Litherland says: "School meal times will be adjusted to allow visitors to see the dining room and other state rooms now used for recitals and debates."

Stowe's headmaster will move out of the handsome Gothic library designed by Sir John Soane to make way for visitors. A little-used porte cochere, or carriage entrance, introduced under the steps of the entrance portico, will serve again as a winter entrance opening into the Egyptian hall and providing access for the disabled.

The contents of Stowe were finally dispersed in one of the greatest country house sales, with 3,955 lots over 19 days in 1921. Acquisition by the school saved the house from the prospect of ruin or even demolition.

The lottery grant brings new hope for a series of other great houses that are outstanding architecturally but have lost their contents or become institutions or simply been left empty. These include Pugin's Scarisbrick in Lancashire, Wentworth Woodhouse in Yorkshire, Kinmel in North Wales and Taymouth Castle in Scotland.

The lottery fund has also given a further £1 million to the National Trust for the restoration of two monuments in the park at Stowe. These are the obelisk by Sir John Vanburgh — used as target practice by troops in Second World War — and the Gothic umbrello. The park will be open 365 days a year free of charge.

SIMON BROOKE-WEBB



The crumbling columns at Stowe School. The lottery money will go towards restoration and increasing public access to the house and grounds

Lutyens' sketches to be displayed

By Mark Henderson

THE papers and sketchbooks of the architect Sir Edward Lutyens are to be acquired for the nation with a £242,800 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The money, awarded yesterday, will enable the Royal Institute of British Architects to buy thousands of letters and sketches, all of which will be put on public display.

The fund handed out more than £37 million to 128 projects across Britain. The largest award, £9.9 million, went to the Horniman Museum of ethnography, natural history and musical instruments in Lewisham, South London, to improve its galleries, demolish unsightly modern buildings at the side, and build a new extension. There will be more exhibition space, better public facilities and a conservation studio.

The Royal Welch Fusiliers Museum in Caernarfon, North Wales, will receive £1.1 million to develop the permanent exhibit in the World Heritage Site at Caernarfon Castle into a full museum housed in the Queen's Tower and Chamberlain Tower.

St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh, which was designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott, a contemporary of Lutyens, will receive £586,000. The money will be used for a three-year programme of conservation and restoration work.

A five-year restoration programme for 41 nature reserves in Worcestershire has also benefited in the latest round of grants, with £884,750 being awarded to the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust.

Churches and places of worship share £7.9 million among 60 projects, with the largest grant of £2 million going to the Whitby centre.

The latest grants bring to £1.1 billion the total awarded by the fund, now supporting 2,119 projects around the country.

Anthea Case, fund director, said: "This round of grants includes some important major awards, together with many smaller ones. The combined effect is designed to spread the benefits of our funding all over the UK."



Lutyens: papers are saved for the nation

£5m will help restore abbey's lost garden

By Paul Wilkinson

GRANTS of £5 million were awarded yesterday for restoration and research at Whitby Abbey, one of the most spectacular historic sites in the country.

Already preliminary work on the construction of a visitor centre for the 120,000 people a year who come to the cliff-top ruins perched between the North Sea and the North York Moors has unearthed a lost treasure. Buried beneath an acre of paddock archaeologists have found a 17th-century stone garden, created by the descendants of the Cholmley family who bought the abbey after Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries.

"Given the blasted location of the site, facing north, several hundred feet above sea-level, little would probably grow in a garden up here," Ed Bell, a projects manager with English Heritage, said. "We know of nothing else like this."

The garden is a vast paving of large cobbles, probably taken from the nearby beach, and laid out in geometric patterns across an inner and outer courtyard which fronted a magnificent two-storey classical style house built by the Cholmleys in 1672.

In the centre of the inner court was a large feature, possibly a fountain or statue and spaced around it are holes, possibly the base of statues or small beds for seasonal plantings. "They could possibly have brought out trees or plans in containers and spaced them around the courtyard as they wished," Mr Bell said.

"The original plans show two formal areas, but give no clues as to what was here. We had no idea until late last year when we put in an exploratory trench and kept on finding cobbles."

The stone garden will now be restored and form a feature of the visitor centre, which is being created inside the roofless shell of the old house with the aid of the grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the European Regional Development Fund and Scarborough Borough Council. Present-day visitors hardly cast a glance at the house, which lies behind high stone walls and is sandwiched between St Mary's churchyard, made famous by Bram Stoker as a stalking-ground for Dracula, and the medieval ruins of the abbey founded by St Hilda in 657.

The house was built as a grand extension to the family home, Abbey House, which had originally been the abbot's lodgings. But in the Great Wind of 1790, its timber roof was dislodged. The wing was subsequently abandoned and in the 1920s, when the family moved out and the house was turned into a hotel, it was handed over with the abbey to the Government.

The grants will be used to re-roof the building and construct display areas, a shop and other attractions. They are scheduled to open in 2000. The money will also be used to research areas now used as car parking in an attempt to find out more about the abbey's Anglo-Saxon origins.

RICHARD RAYNER



Work begins on restoring the 17th-century stone garden discovered at Whitby Abbey

Railtrack heaps up trouble

By Helen Johnstone

PROTESTERS are hoping that John Prescott will intervene to curb plans by Railtrack to pile up ballast stockpiles the height of houses around the country.

A public outcry in Oxford, where Railtrack plans to build one of 13 such stockpiles, could halt the scheme, which is part of a £1 billion investment in infrastructure. Railtrack does not require planning permission under a 1995 planning order.

However, Oxfordshire planners meet on Friday to decide whether to issue an Article Four direction preventing Railtrack from storing 200,000 tonnes of ballast for track maintenance on green belt land near houses.

Such a direction would need the consent of the Secretary of State for Environment, Transport and the Regions. It would force Railtrack to apply for planning permission in the normal way but it could also result in the council having to compensate the company.

More than 100 people have written to Oxfordshire County Council to protest about the proposed storage yard, which would contain a pile of stone 340 metres long, 15 metres wide and 4.5 metres high. About 250 people attended a public meeting called by Railtrack.

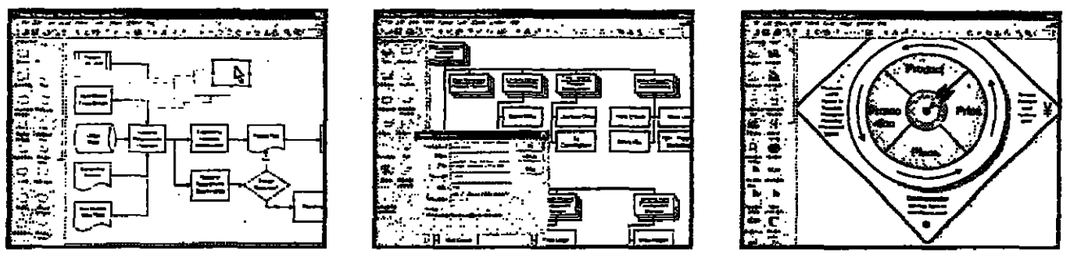
Dr Alastair Rogers, chairman of Hinksey Park Residents Association, said it was hard to see how Railtrack could have chosen a worse site. However, Railtrack says that the site offers good connections on the network.

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CLINTON SCANDAL

Democrat leaders call for straight talking

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

VIDEOTAPE of President Clinton's grand jury testimony could soon be made public despite the objections of his fellow Democrats.

At the same time, the two most senior Democrats on Capitol Hill bluntly called on the White House to abandon its hair-splitting strategy of insisting that Mr Clinton did not lie when he denied having sex with Monica Lewinsky.

TAPE DISPUTE

Members of the House Judiciary Committee were to meet today or tomorrow to decide when and how to issue the remaining 2,000-plus pages of material and the videotape sent to Congress with his report on the affair by Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor.

Republicans are eager to expedite release of the material. Under a resolution approved by the House last week, committee members must decide how much to make public by Monday week. But a committee staff member indicated that much of it may be released well before then.

The 17 boxes of documents are still under guard, but Charles Canady, a Republican congressman who has made a preliminary examination, said he doubted that they contained any shocking revelations not already covered in the report.

Democrats are eager to keep the videotape secret because the President's testimony, taken on August 17, deteriorated into heated exchanges with Mr Starr's prosecutors. Finally, Mr Clinton refused to answer some questions about his sexual liaisons with Ms Lewinsky.

Publishing the text of these exchanges would be bad enough, Democrats argue, but the impact of showing them on every television channel could deliver yet another wallop to the party's already battered prospects in the November congressional elections.

Richard Gephardt, Democratic leader in the House, took precise aim at the perilous White House legal strategy of admitting to sins but no lies by Mr Clinton. Calling for common sense, he said: "The considered judgment of the American people is not going to rise or fall on the fine distinctions of a legal argument, but on straight talk and the truth."

His remarks were echoed by Thomas Daschle, Democratic leader in the Senate, who said: "The President and his advisers must accept that continued legal jousting serves no constructive purpose."

The White House seemed to agree, saying in a statement that the President did not want the work of his lawyers to get in the way of his admissions of improper relations and that he had misled people. The statement did not indicate any change in the Clinton defence, but several legal heavyweights in Washington have reportedly been implored to join the President's damage-control efforts.

The argument hinges on the insistence of Mr Clinton's lawyers, even while he utters broad confessions of wrongdoing and says "legal language must not obscure the fact that I have done wrong", that he did not commit perjury.

The problem goes back to Mr Clinton's deposition last January in which he denied having "sexual relations" with Ms Lewinsky, claiming that oral sex was not covered under a definition of sex presented by lawyers for Paula Jones. David Kendall, the President's leading private lawyer, admitted on television to legal contortions when he said Mr Clinton had answered the deposition questions "narrowly but truthfully". In an astonishing burst of candour, he added: "There is no perjury there. Was he trying to mislead the Paula Jones lawyers? Absolutely."

LEADING ALLIES WHO COULD MAKE OR BREAK THE PRESIDENT

ROBERT RUBIN, Treasury Secretary



Educated at Harvard and the London School of Economics is a Democrat who many suggest should really be a Republican. He was a big player on Wall Street where he was co-chairman of Goldman Sachs and on the board of directors of the New York Stock Exchange. Nevertheless, he took to Clinton when he met him Arkansas at the governor's mansion and lobbied *Wall Street friends to raise money* for his presidential campaign. The relationship, however, has always been a working one and Rubin, while briefing the president constantly on fiscal matters throughout the scandal has kept right out of it.

WILLIAM COHEN, Defence Secretary



An intellectual who has written a stack of books including two volumes of poetry, he has a strong independent streak. He was a leading critic of the Reagan administration's Iran-Contra scandal and accused the CIA of lying to cover up its involvement in human rights abuses in Guatemala. He was then the surprising choice to be the first Republican to take over the Pentagon for a Democratic President. He is regarded as having done a satisfactory job at a time when the services have been plagued by scandals, but his ability to give straight answers may not be what President Clinton wants just now.

JANET RENO, Attorney-General



The Attorney-General, a lumbering six foot figure, was the third woman chosen for the job after the nominations of two others were aborted over scandals involving the employment of nannies. She has had her fair share of trouble at the Justice Department including the imprisonment of her associate attorney general, Webster Hubbell, for fraud in the Whitewater case. She allowed Kenneth Starr to widen his inquiry to include the Monica Lewinsky affair but has come under fire for not appointing another independent prosecutor to delve into the 1996 campaign funding. Recently she has indicated she might be moving that way.

RICHARD GEPHARDT, House Minority Leader



The House Minority Leader is the son of a milk truck driver who worked his way in law school and then into politics he was a presidential candidate in 1988. He is clearly eyeing another run in 2000. He puts in long hours talking to a wide range of special interest groups and loves to absorb policy detail. He has mixed strong support for the Clinton administration with calculated dissent on a number of issues, such as extending trade relations with China, and views organised labour and a network of supportive colleagues in the House as the power base from which he can beat Al Gore for his party's presidential nomination.

THOMAS DASCHLE, Senate Minority Leader



The Senate Minority Leader is a prairie populist who fights hard for his farmer's concerns about subsidies and *agricultural policy but* showed he was politically shrewd and well respected enough among the wise old heads of the Senate to become his party's leader there in 1995 when he was a relatively youthful 47. He has a soft-spoken style which is equally effective both on television and when he sets off in a checked shirt on long *travels across his home* state of South Dakota listening to the parochial worries of the people he is relying on to re-elect him this year with another resounding majority.

Five big hitters will seal fate of leader

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON

THEY are the "big five", the equivalent of the men in grey suits who told Margaret Thatcher to go. As the Republicans make a great show of being statesmanlike, President Clinton's fate could be sealed if the heavy hitters on his own team decide he is no longer match-fit.

Much will depend on how the President conducts himself in the short term. This is particularly important for two of the five: Richard Gephardt, the House Minority Leader, and Thomas Daschle, the Senate Minority Leader. They have a close working relationship and coordinated their statements giving a warning that Mr Clinton's legal tactics after the release of the Starr report were unacceptable.

The power of these two is

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probably matched only by that of a triumvirate of Mr Clinton's Cabinet members: Robert Rubin, the Treasury Secretary; William Cohen, the Defence Secretary; and Janet Reno, the Attorney-General.

Mr Rubin has never been an FOB — Friend of Bill — but he is highly regarded by all in Washington for his *probity and stewardship of* the economy. He has had a good working relationship with Mr Clinton but has remained silent on the Lewinsky affair.

Mr Cohen, too, has been reticent about the Starr report. Asked this week if he still had confidence in the President, he replied curtly: "I believe the President is capable of carrying out his responsibilities as Commander-in-Chief, yes." He is coming under increasing pressure from the armed forces who do not agree. They argue that if the President were in uniform he would have been up in front of a court martial and fired long ago.

Janet Reno has defended the President, albeit somewhat tepidly, but some day soon she may approach him and quietly deliver the final blow.

It is likely that she will appoint another special prosecutor to investigate allegations of illegal fundraising by the Clinton/Gore campaign of 1996.

Evangelists join White House ranks

'Sinner' Bill hopes that his prayers will lead to political resurrection, writes **Ian Brodie**

IN HIS search for redemption, President Clinton has turned to two evangelical preachers — one of whom had an extramarital affair — to join him in weekly prayers and aid in resisting temptation.

He called on the ministers to be his spiritual advisers a few days before the release of the Starr report, with its graphic details of Mr Clinton's sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky.

Such informal groups of spiritual advisers are commonplace among evangelical Christians. They are sometimes called "accountability circles", offering support for those facing personal crises.

The White House confirmed yesterday that the ministers are the Rev Tony Campolo, a liberal Baptist known for his controversial books advocating Christian acceptance of homosexuality, and the Rev Gordon MacDonald, pastor of a nondenominational Christian church, Grace Chapel, in Lexington, Massachusetts. A third minister who is helping Mr Clinton has not been identified.

Since admitting his "inappropriate" relationship with Ms Lewinsky a month ago, Mr Clinton has tried to convince Americans that he is truly repentant. At a prayer breakfast last Friday he delivered an extensive apology and admitted: "I have sinned."

The evening before, Mr MacDonald had spent several hours talking to the President and Hillary Clinton in the White House family quarters before staying overnight in the Lincoln Bedroom.

Mr MacDonald admitted to an extramarital affair 12 years ago and embarked on his own quest for redemption from sin. He resigned as president of a missionary agency and left the ministry. He returned after two years and later wrote a book about his experience. *Rebuilding Your Broken World*. Mr Clinton said he had read the book twice and it was one reason he had turned to Mr MacDonald for spiritual guidance. In his sermon last Sunday, Mr MacDonald declared: "I bring an understanding of what it is like to face the public scrutiny when one has sinned."

SPIRITUAL HEALING

He continued: "I have gone through, and continue to go through, the breaking process. I have known both the remarkable grace of forgiving, restorative people, and the lash of those who choose other options. "I am Gordon and I are being used and manipulated," he said. "Should this be true, it would not be the first time that Christians have been taken in. But we would rather be men of faith who believe that God is working in the life of the President than to join that army of cynics who cannot accept a plea for forgiveness at face value."

At least one of the President's new spiritual advisers will meet him every week.

Mr Campolo said: "We will pray with him, study Scripture together and do our best to help as he searches his heart and soul. We want him to understand what went wrong with him personally that led to the tragic sins that have so marred his life and the office of the Presidency.

"We want to provide all the help that we can to spiritually strengthen him against yielding to the temptations that have conquered him the past."

Mr Clinton admitted to "hundreds" of affairs before his 40th birthday but had been trying to bring his sexual impulses under control for the past 12 years, according to Ms Lewinsky's account in the Starr report.

Earlier, the Clintons had turned for help to the Rev Jesse Jackson, but Mrs Clinton was said to have been irritated when he publicly described her as feeling humiliated.

Mr Campolo is a minister with American Baptist Churches USA. Both he and Mr MacDonald have been acquainted with Mr Clinton for the past five years.

They both insist they are concerned only with his spiritual and not political redemption. Mr Campolo teaches sociology at Eastern College, a small campus in St Davids, Pennsylvania.

Several prominent religious critics have called on Mr Clinton to resign, including Paige Patterson, head of the Southern Baptists, the President's denomination.

Hillary 'has hidden fears' about Starr

BY IAN BRODIE



Mondale: terse statement on White House visit

HILLARY CLINTON has reason to fear parts of the Starr report that did not deal with her husband's relationship with Monica Lewinsky, a report said yesterday.

They focused on other phases of Kenneth Starr's investigation, which the independent prosecutor said were nearing completion. They include a property project in Arkansas known as Castle Grande, for which Mrs Clinton did the legal work when she worked for the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock.

The report *in the New York Post* was written by Dick Morris, who was forced to resign as a political adviser to President Clinton after cavorting with a prostitute in a hotel near the White House.

NEXT IN LINE

"One big reason Hillary is so vocal in defending her husband and attacking Starr is that she is likely to be next *on the griddle*," Mr Morris wrote.

If she is indicted, he continued, it was his bet that she would want to fight the case in court. She would not let her reputation be destroyed without a vigorous defence.

But Mr Morris also postulated this intriguing thought: "If she is facing a conviction and the President is facing *impeachment, and everything* is going to hell, don't rule out the possibility that he might pardon her and then resign, knowing the jig is up." In short, Mr Clinton would give up his presidency to save his wife from prison, said Mr Morris, who has known the Clintons for nearly 20 years.

Mr Starr is appealing against dismissal of an indictment for tax evasion against Webster Hubbell, who was paid $500,000 (£300,000) by friends of the President before going to prison for fraud.

Mr Starr said he was inquiring whether there was a connection between these "consultation payments" and Mr Hubbell's "incomplete testimony". In other words, was it hush money to conceal information about Castle Grande and other potentially *incriminating deals*?

The complex Castle Grande transaction allegedly involved a sham sale of land to Mr Hubbell's father-in-law. A front man was needed because Madison Guaranty, the Whitewater bank, would have exceeded the proportion of its assets it was allowed to invest in property.

Mr Starr must decide if Mrs Clinton's legal work on the deal was merely routine, *or if she was aware of the* deception? Her billing records *from the transaction* went missing for two years until they mysteriously appeared in the family quarters of the White House.

☐ Visit explained: Eleanor Mondale, a television presenter and daughter of Walter Mondale, the former Vice-President, has issued a terse *statement explaining a visit* to the Oval Office that earned her a cameo role in the Starr report (Damian Whitworth writes). She said speculation of romance between her and Mr Clinton was "baseless".

Ex-business partner died in jail without access to his heart pills

BY IAN BRODIE



McDougal: died in jail

JAMES McDOUGAL, President and Hillary Clinton's former partner in the Whitewater land speculation, complained of feeling ill hours before he suffered a fatal heart attack in a prison cell but was not seen by a doctor, a government report has disclosed.

McDougal, 57, was put into solitary confinement — where he had no access to his heart pills — for failing to provide a urine sample. He had complained of dizziness after five hours of trying to provide the sample for guards, according to the report on his death. He had said earlier he was unable to provide urine for drug tests because of his variety of medication.

The report was obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by the *Star-Telegram* in Fort Worth, Texas, where McDougal — a self-confessed rogue — died in March.

The disputed circumstances of his death are bound to provide fodder for conspiracy theorists who question many unexplained aspects of the controversies that have dogged Mr and Mrs Clinton. Although McDougal seemed breathless and later vomited, he told the guards he was fine. They did not search his cell for his heart pills because they did not want to disturb his sleeping cellmate, the report said.

Next morning a guard heard "a *loud sighing from* within the cell" and found him on the floor. He was pronounced dead at a hospital. The Federal Bureau of Prisons said McDougal received "timely, appropriate and professional care".

McDougal, who was jailed for unrelated fraud charges, had broken his allegiance to the Clintons and been in discussions with Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor, over the failed Whitewater enterprise.

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Tehran puts military on war alert



Khamenei yesterday: *made call to arms*

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Revolutionary Guards demonstrate their support as Ayatollah Khamenei orders the military to be ready to fight Taleban who have vanquished Iran's allies in Afghanistan

Tehran vows to avenge deaths of envoys as coffins return, writes Michael Theodoulou

AYATOLLAH Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, yesterday put the country's armed forces on alert for possible action against the Taleban movement in Afghanistan hours after the bodies of seven Iranians killed by the Taleban were flown home to an emotional reception.

Iran, which has vowed to avenge the killings, has massed nearly a quarter of a million troops along its remote border with Afghanistan, raising fears of a military confrontation between the rival Islamic states.

"We have human, Islamic, political and national concerns in Afghanistan." Ayatollah Khamenei said after meeting commanders of Iran's Revolutionary Guards. He added: "All officials and those in charge of affairs of the country, including the armed forces, must be ready for speedy, timely and decisive implementation of whatever decisions the senior political and security authorities deemed necessary and right for the country."

In Iran's most explicit threat to intervene on behalf of the Afghan opposition, the Revolutionary Guards announced that Iran was ready to help "the oppressed and meek people of Afghanistan".

But maintaining a huge force in the desert areas near Afghanistan would prove a logistical nightmare for Iran. With memories of Iran's costly eight-year war with Iraq still fresh, most Iranians have little desire to enter another conflict whose outcome would be far from certain, analysts said.

Apart from attempting to intimidate Taleban, Tehran's tough rhetoric appeared designed to secure tougher international condemnation of the movement's actions. Iran, which has accused Pakistan of backing the Taleban, has also played on international fears that the crisis could suck in other countries.

Human rights groups have accused the Sunni Muslim Taleban of massacring thousands of Shias when it overran the opposition stronghold of Mazar-i-Sharif last month. Iran, a predominantly Shia Muslim country, which sees itself as the champion of Shias worldwide, alleged that similar massacres took place when Taleban captured the strategic town of Bamiyan last weekend.

The flag-draped coffins of six Iranian diplomats and a journalist, killed during the fall of Mazar-i-Sharif, were carried by a guard of honour when they arrived back at Tehran airport. President Khatami, heading thousands of tearful mourners, said: "I assure you that we will defend the integrity and honour of the sacred system of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the best of our ability." He was mobbed by relatives of the dead who chanted: "Death to Taleban."

Iran has demanded that Taleban extradite those who killed the Iranians in Mazar-i-Sharif and return dozens more Iranians it said were being held hostage. Taleban has instead accused the dead of being military advisers who were helping the Afghan opposition and called on Iran to apologise for interfering in Afghanistan's internal affairs.

Despite the war of words, Taleban said it would welcome talks with Iran under United Nations auspices while Tehran has appealed to the Security Council to help defuse the crisis.

☐**Islamabad:** Taleban pushed back the Iran-supported Shia Hezb-i-Wahdat faction to capture a strategic central pass, an Afghan news service reported. Pakistan-based Afghan Islamic Press quoted a Taleban spokesman as saying Shiber Pass, linking Bamiyan and Parwan provinces, fell after heavy fighting, which started on Sunday, after the capture of Bamiyan. The Islamic militia took 350 opposition fighters as prisoners and seized hundreds of military vehicles. *(Reuters)*

Israel warned of new threat to peace

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN TEL AVIV

MILITARY intelligence has presented the Government of Binyamin Netanyahu with a pessimistic assessment of the prospects of peace in the Middle East, warning him of a period of chronic uncertainty due to the advanced age and poor health of many Arab leaders.

The recently updated review also gives warning of the growing dangers of Iran's missile and nuclear programme, efforts by Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, to train his forces for conflict with Israel and new concerns about "negative trends" within the Egyptian Army.

There are fears that the Egyptian Army is becoming a much more potent threat because of its improved training and acquisition of Western weaponry. The review said that normalisation of the two states' relations, as laid down in the 1979 peace treaty, remained "paper thin".

The seriousness with which the review is being taken was shown on Sunday — the fifth anniversary of the 1993 Israeli-Palestinian Oslo peace accords — when the Cabinet approved a real increase in annual defence spending for the first time since 1985.

The budget not only contained an increase in the defence allocation of 400 million shekels (£67 million), but also an understanding that the defence allocation will continue to grow over the next five years. A large part of the 1999 increase will go on jet fighters and helicopters.

Israeli sources said the assessment placed greater emphasis on the ever-increasing surface-to-surface missile threat to the Jewish state from countries such as Iran, Iraq and Libya.

It also predicted that the next generation of Arab leaders might find it more difficult to maintain — or even contemplate — peace treaties with Israel than the current known quantities such as Mr Arafat, who is 70 next year, President Mubarak of Egypt, who recently turned 70, or even President Assad, the Syrian leader who ordered a halt to peace talks after Israel refused to return the whole of the Golan Heights.

UN fights to keep ties with Saddam

BY MICHAEL THEODOULOU

URGENT diplomacy was under way to dissuade President Saddam Hussein of Iraq from carrying out a threat to cut all ties with United Nations weapons inspectors. Such a move will halt efforts to disarm Iraq and represent Saddam's most serious challenge to the UN's authority since the end of the 1991 Gulf War.

The state-run Iraqi press, convinced Washington will never allow sanctions to be lifted while Saddam is in power, has suggested that Iraq has little to lose by defying the UN.

Saddam's decision could become clearer tomorrow when his Cabinet discusses a recommendation by Iraq's rubber-stamp parliament to sever ties with the weapons inspectors.

He implemented an earlier parliamentary resolution last month to prevent arms experts from carrying out surprise inspections of new sites. But Unscom, the UN Special Commission on disarming Iraq, was allowed to continue monitoring known weapons sites and "dual-use facilities".

Ending the monitoring process would negate much of what Unscom has achieved over the past seven years by leaving the UN with few means of knowing whether Saddam is rebuilding his outlawed weapons programmes. Iraq has yet to come clean on its biological and chemical weapons and there are renewed concerns about its nuclear capability.

By defying the UN, Saddam has already won a concession in the form of a possible "comprehensive review" of Iraqi compliance. But he has also suffered a setback by partially suspending Unscom's work. The Security Council, often divided, was united last week in issuing a tough resolution that kept sanctions in place indefinitely unless Saddam resumes full co-operation with the arms inspectors.

Deposed minister awaits arrest

BY DAVID WATTS ASIA EDITOR

MALAYSIA'S deposed Finance Minister believes the Government will wait until after the Queen has left at the end of the Commonwealth Games early next week before arresting him.

Anwar Ibrahim made his prediction yesterday as the Government of Dr Mahathir Mohamad detained Mr Anwar's private secretary, who had served him when he was a minister. No reasons have been given for the arrest of Mohamad Ahmad but it appears to be a means of putting pressure on Mr Anwar, who launched a reform campaign at the weekend with a speaking tour of the country.

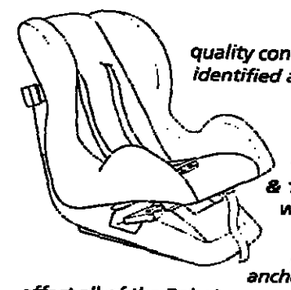
In his speeches, he has accused the leadership of corruption, nepotism and cronyism — the very charges that were laid against former President Suharto of Indonesia before he stood down in May. Those points are intended to strike directly at Dr Mahathir, although Mr Anwar has been careful not to name the Malaysian leader directly.

Mr Anwar has already been expelled from the United Malays National Organisation and his only significant support there is from three officials in the youth wing.

Dr Mahathir claims Mr Anwar was expelled because of low morals, and sexual allegations against Mr Anwar have been circulating for months. Mr Anwar denies the allegations, which are being investigated by the police.

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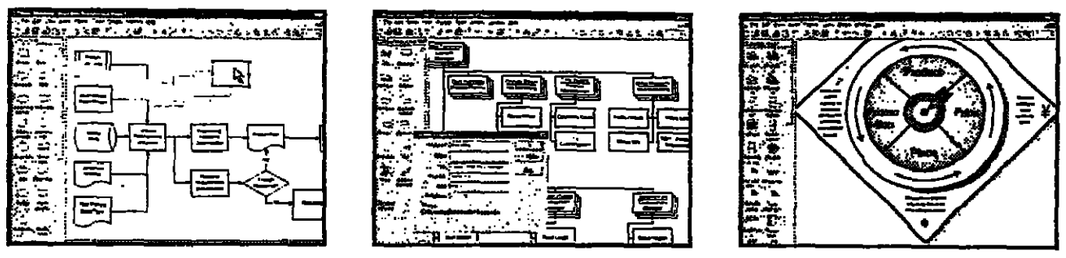
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Westerners flee as Russians rediscover black sense of humour



Removal firms are the only ones making money as the bankers abandon Moscow to its crisis, writes Anna Blundy in Moscow

AS RUSSIA'S new Government awaits the International Monetary Fund delegation that is likely to decide its economic fate by the end of the week, thousands of Russians have been laid off or given obligatory unpaid leave and Western bankers are fleeing the country in their droves.

Foreign exchange booths were revising their exchange rate notices by the hour yesterday as the rouble veered between 7.5 and 12.2 to the dollar and, to depress Russians even further, the Agriculture Ministry has announced that the grain crop this year will be the smallest since 1957.

Yevgeni Primakov, the new Prime Minister, told the press after a meeting with President Yeltsin that a new governmental structure would be announced by the end of this week, and Viktor Geraschenko, the Central Bank chairman, has still not ruled out printing money as a way out of the economic crisis.

Russians have no choice but to grin and bear it, but many foreigners are busily itemising their belongings for customs clearance on the way out of the country. The only people prospering here are the shipping and removals companies, who have been doing a roaring trade as sacked bankers leave the country with their tails between their legs.

"I don't want to cause panic," said Robert Mills, of Allied Pickfords. "But before this crisis we were just tootling along. Now we've come into our own. People really need us."

Bookings at Allied Pickfords, which has been moving people around the world since 1666 and which brought two Rolls Royces to Russia for the Queen when she came to Moscow in 1994, have more than doubled in the past few weeks and Mr Mills must be the only man in town who has been recruiting.

"Other companies in this business are doing well too, which is great because we couldn't handle it all on our own," he said. "If you're in charge of either personnel or accounting here your days are pretty much numbered. There are no personnel to take charge of and no money to count.

"A lot of people are leaving. I shouldn't say it, but I hope the crisis lasts until Christmas."

One English banker, who has a seat booked on a flight out of Moscow next Monday, said the transactions he was working on simply ceased to exist and most of his colleagues were just twiddling their thumbs or chasing up bad debts. "Anyone connected with equity or securities must be pretty idle at the moment," he said.

"All credit lines to Russia have been cut and, although there is still an equity market, it's bumping along the bottom. There are a large number of highly paid expats going home."

MFK Renaissance has laid off half of its staff, many of whom have already left Russia, and other financiers have removal firms and flights booked so they can leave at a moment's notice.

"Of course, we are the lucky ones," said a sacked English banker. "We stand a chance of getting other jobs back in London, but don't forget that a lot of Russians are attached to these firms."

For the thousands of newly unemployed Russians facing a bleak winter, the only salvation is their sense of humour, dormant during the past few years of boom, but now resurfacing in newspapers and magazines as the country prepares for the worst. Old Soviet jokes are being retold with a wry smile. The pessimist says: "Things won't get any worse now." The optimist says: "They will! They will! They will!"

Renowned for their inscrutable black humour, Russians always fall back on it in times of crisis and some newspapers have now set up hotlines for readers to ring with their favourite anecdotes. The popular daily, *Argumenty i Fakty*, received this from a depressed reader: A banker rings up his friend, another banker, and says: "Hello, how are you?" "Fine," answers the person who picks up the telephone. "Sorry, wrong number," the banker replies.

Russians are so used to misfortune that as this new crisis wipes out their livelihoods and the Westerners who had symbolised their new prosperity flee they can only stand by and laugh.

Albanian rivals flex muscles in tense stand-off

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN TIRANA

ALBANIA'S rival leaders last night challenged each other to resign, as their followers kept up an armed stand-off on the streets of Tirana.

Fatos Nano, the Socialist Prime Minister, and Sali Berisha, the deposed former Democratic President - rejected each other's ultimatum: Dr Berisha insisted that Mr Nano should stand down; Mr Nano said Dr Berisha should go into exile.

Armed men in a variety of guises and with differing aims still occupied areas of the city centre, while queues of foreign businessmen gathered outside airline offices trying to leave the country. By Albanian standards things had returned to a precarious normality.

On Monday night special police units loyal to Mr Nano had managed to recapture both the parliament building and state television centre from armed members of Dr Berisha's Democratic Party after gun battles, and the sound of gunfire died away as darkness fell.

According to the official figures, three people had been killed and 40 wounded in the fighting in and around Skenderbeg Square on Monday afternoon. Independent sources indicate the number was three times that.

Yesterday's dawn revealed cavalcades of armoured personnel carriers, police vans and motorcycle outriders beginning a gun-toting drive-past in figure-of-eight loops around the square, as armed men in black balaclavas, police and army uniforms, helmets, woolly hats, civilian clothing, or combinations of all these, deployed around the Interior Ministry building.

Belying this apparent show of government authority, an opposition crowd a thousand strong gathered around the Democratic Party headquarters barely a hundred yards to the east to listen to the croaking, tones of Dr Berisha.

Their hardware included two T55 tanks crewed by youths in leather jackets - rockers taking Heavy Metal a little too far with their machine-guns and pistols. "Death to communism" and "vengeance," the crowd chanted before marching, its ranks now swollen by several thousand others towards the square. Sirens wailed, snipers took to the roofs, the polemic gathered; in the middle of it all a white British Land Rover drove up the Boulevard of Martyrs. Inside were a hard-faced group of men referred to by diplomats as "the boys", who arrived suddenly two days ago to protect the British Embassy.

The only object not turning in Skenderbeg square was the residual Ferris wheel. Every other player from the Balkan circus was present and performing.

The opposition lacked the strength to do much but posture, while the Socialists lacked the wherewithal to crush the Democrats.

If the word "Kosovo" had not been on so many lips, this most recent Albanian show could have been written off as little more than a farce. Monday's fighting did not even seem like a coup, more a spontaneous flaring up of violence in reaction to Saturday's killing of Azem Hajdari, the democrats' idol.

Yet across the border to the north hundreds of the Albanians' ethnic brethren have been killed over the past few months by Serb forces, hundreds of thousands have been made refugees, and their plight is awakening a new consciousness in Albania.

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Supporters of Sali Berisha shout anti-Government slogans from a captured tank

WORLD IN BRIEF

Mafia fugitive held after dawn raid

Palermo: Italian police yesterday arrested Mariano Troia, a Mafia don (writes Francesco Bongarrò). A fugitive for six years, Signor Troia was captured in a dawn raid on his hideout near Tommaso Natale on the outskirts of Palermo.

Suspected of helping to mastermind the 1992 assassination of Salvo Lima, an Italian MEP, and several other killings, Signor Troia did not resist arrest. "He just raised his hands and begged them not to shoot him," Antonio Manganelli, the Palermo police chief, said. Prosecutors in the Sicilian capital believe Signor Troia is the right-hand man to Bernardo Provenzano, the Mafia "boss of bosses" who has been on the run for over a quarter of a century.

Reversal in TV killing case

Detroit: An appeals court overturned the murder conviction of a Michigan man who killed a guy admirer after he revealed his affections on *The Jenny Jones Show*. The state Court of Appeals said lawyers for Jonathan Schmitz were wrongly barred from removing a juror before his trial began. They said Schmitz should be retried on second-degree murder and firearm charges. However, the three judges said in a footnote that if they had been the jury, they might have convicted Schmitz of first-degree murder. *(AP)*

Rebels repel Hutu attack

Goma: Rebel troops in the Democratic Republic of Congo repelled a raid on their stronghold of Goma on Monday, killing about 300 of the attackers. One insurgent soldier also died. The rebels said the assault was by Rwandan Hutus — former members of the army and militias defeated in the Rwanda civil war — and Congolese Mai-Mai warriors, and put the number of attackers at 2,000. Stray gunfire during the six-hour battle also resulted in some civilian casualties. *(AFP)*

Girl killed over cup-cakes

Houston: A man has been convicted of strangling his three-year-old granddaughter because she licked icing off cup-cakes. David Douglas, 49, faces either a death sentence or life in prison after being convicted of the murder of Shelby Lynne Barrackman in January 1997. Douglas said he was drinking at his daughter's house, where he was caring for Shelby, and claimed he blacked out and could not remember the incident. His lawyers said his confession was coerced. *(AP)*

Serbs vote for Bosnia extremist

THE Dayton peace accord appeared in jeopardy last night as early election results in Bosnia suggested that a hardline nationalist had been voted in as President of the Serb territory, or Republika Srpska (Tom Walker writes).

Nikola Poplasen's strong showing has dismayed Western diplomats, who for the last year have nurtured contacts with the moderate Biljana Plavsic, the current President whose co-operative stance on much of the Dayton accord seemed to have freed the Serbs from the grip of extremists wishing to destroy the Western vision of a multi-ethnic Bosnia.

Mr Poplasen is an unknown quantity: relatively recently he still talked openly of his plan to build a wall through Bosnia to divide Serbs from Muslims and Croats. Even more worrying is the prospect of Mr Poplasen forming a coalition government that would bring the Serbian Democratic Party of Radovan Karadzic, the indicted war-crimes suspect, back into the fold.

Blair's troops give succour to Schröder in poll battle

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMAN ELECTIONS



TONY BLAIR'S new Labour troops are parachuting into Germany to support Gerhard Schröder's Social Democratic campaign to oust Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor. The move is unprecedented since Labour has tended to steer clear of German politics, except for a short flirtation with the Social Democrats in the era of Willy Brandt.

Yesterday Denis MacShane, member for Rotherham, and William Rammell from Harlow, were being briefed, and offering advice, at the Social Democrat headquarters. Shortly after polling day, Paul Boateng, the Health Minister, is due to talk to the Social Democrats — assumed, by then, to be in or close to power — on the merits of Mr Blair's "third way".

The most energetic of the political paratroopers is Mr MacShane, who has delivered a warm-up speech for Herr Schröder. After meeting him again after a rally in Duisburg on Monday, the MP was handed a copy of the Social Democrats' latest book. "To my inspiration," said the dedication. Campaign ideas have been flooding in from new Labour. Some British visitors have urged Herr Schröder to mimic Mr Blair by wooing the tabloid press.

The Friedrich Ebert Foundation, in a paper entitled New Labour — Model for Germany's New Centre?, has been investigating whether the Blair/Schröder link-up can be given substance as well as a common style. The authors praise the working families tax credit scheme but point out that Germany's federal system makes it difficult to import. Many new Labour initiatives — higher petrol taxes, more interventionist employment policies, more cash for schools and the health system — are regarded by the Schröder team as rather left-wing.

Opinion polls give the Social Democrats 42 per cent of the vote and Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats 37 per cent. The Free Democrats, Herr Kohl's favourite coalition partner, are tipped to win only 4 per cent and may thus plunge out of parliament. The Green vote has edged up to 7 per cent.

This gives the Social Democrats a strong lead 12 days before the election, but it is also splitting the party between those who favour a grand coalition with the Christian Democrats and those who want to be allied with the Greens. Oskar Lafontaine, chairman of the Social Democratic Party, is promising an emergency party conference within days of the election to gain a mandate for coalition negotiations.

But it is pointless in Germany to set up a programme for the first 100 days in government since it will take about that time to decide who is actually in charge.

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'You're something, hon, but it's not pregnant'



TUESDAY: I am more than a fortnight late now, but the test is negative. There is no pink line in the second window on the test stick but I am sure I am pregnant. I haven't done it wrong, either. Over the past few years I have done enough of these things to know exactly how to use them: how to pee without splashing on the tester stick and precisely how long to wait before looking for the tell-tale sign.

Sometimes, depending on the test, they use a red tick to indicate you're pregnant and sometimes a blue cross. With this one, a positive result is indicated by two pink lines. But there is only one. The other box remains clear, white and unambiguous. I am not pregnant.

On the back of the packet it proclaims the "Answer" test is so sensitive that it can detect pregnancy within 24 hours of an overdue period. On the front it claims to be "America's No 1 Test", so I think perhaps it is past its sell-by date. I *didn't much trust the pharmacist* who sold it to me either: he looked shifty and I had to wait for ages while in front of me a tall, balding man in a brown jacket was interrogating him about Viagra, Pfizer's new wonderdrug to overcome "erectile dysfunction".

"Each tablet is ten bucks?" the man was exclaiming, alarmed. "Ten bucks?" "And it's only available on prescription," the pharmacist replied. "Oh, but it's for not for me," the man explained hastily. "It's for my friend, in Brazil. Please, he can't get it there."

I wander over to Peter's writing-desk, *tucked under the window in* our Greenwich Village loft, and announce: "I'm not pregnant." "What do you mean?" he asks, hunched over his Powerbook, without looking up.

"I mean I've done a test and I'm not pregnant." "That's good," he says, tapping the space bar and still not looking up. "Did you *think you might be?*" "Well it's very odd," I say, "because I'm late and I'm never late. But the test is negative, so I can't be." There's a short pause. "Good oh," he says.

THURSDAY: *I can't face the uncertainty of another home-test, so* I am sitting in the offices of a gynaecologist *in Murray Hill*, a drab area on the fringes of midtown. I am 36 and this is the first *time I have ever visited a gynaecologist.*

At home in England I relied on the GP for everything, but in Manhattan everyone has a doctor for each separate part of the body. Americans recommend them to each other as a sign of trust and friendship, like hot stock market tips. My friend Kelly, who appears to be in *rude health*, has a gynaecologist, a podiatrist, a dermatologist, a neurologist and an *orthopaediologist*. She recommends her family doctor because he once allowed her to "self-prescribe" Prozac over the phone. "I self-diagnosed depression, I gave him my symptoms and he agreed with me," she tells me. "So I had a courier pick the prescription up."

I imagine how Dr O'Reilly, my doctor in Notting Hill and a laconic Irish woman whose sole driving force seemed to come from resisting local pressure to become a GP fundholder, would have reacted if *I'd phoned up and* "self-prescribed" Prozac.

The surgery is far smarter than anything I've encountered in Britain. With soft, black leather seating and the latest editions of *Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, National Geographic* and *Time*, the reception is more like a discreet hotel lobby. The walls are a gentle green, decorated with rousing scenes of thundering waterfalls, *dancing cornfields and proud*, snowy peaks from Yosemite. Underneath each one is a motivational phrase: "A bend in the road is not the end of the road, unless you fail to make the turn" . . . "Some people dream of success. Others wake up and work hard at it."

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Indeed, there is nothing to suggest I am in a doctor's waiting room at all, until I notice a plastic box of leaflets dispensing advice on genital herpes. "Genital herpes affects more than one in six American adults. Avoid it. There is NO Cure!"

"Ms Coles?" A receptionist beckons with a silver-polished nail so long it has curled round on itself like a miniature dough-hook. "Your insurance?" I hand over the blue plastic card which, alongside my social security and credit cards, I have learnt in my 15 months of living here to carry at all times in case of emergency. A directory of forms is pushed at me requiring my entire medical history and that of my immediate family, plus another sheet demanding I take full financial responsibility should, for any reason, my insurance not pay up. I have no option *but to sign and am led into another* office by a doctor wearing a name-badge claiming she is called *Beth* and whose impressively-framed certificates jostle for wall space with more motivational images of Yosemite.

"So, Joanna, I'm Beth. Welcome to our practice! This is your first visit?"

"Yes." "Tell me, how did you hear about us?" "My family doctor Leah Falzone recommended you." "Oh, Leah?" cries Beth. "Leah Falzone? A *fabulous* lady and a fabulous doctor! She gives us lots of referrals and we pride ourselves on giving you, the customer, our best service. We're a 24-hour service, and before you leave today our receptionist, Betsy, will give you all the appropriate numbers. Now, what can I do you for today?"

"I think I'm pregnant," I say. "My period is 14 days late, which is unusual. I've done a test at home which was negative, but I'm fairly sure I'm pregnant anyway." She looks doubtful. "How old are you?" "Thirty six." She takes a quick intake of breath, then shakes her head. "Thirty-six? The female body starts winding down, hon. Those shop-tests are pretty reliable. I'll give you a blood test, but I tell you what I'm gonna do," and she delivers a brisk monologue with enough force to launch the space shuttle.

"I'm gonna give you Provera, which will *bring* on your period, but don't take it until we have the results of your blood tests, okay? If *it's positive*, then I can recommend a very good obstetrician. If it's negative, then it's probably *your system* adjusting itself to being 36. I'm sorry, but that's the way the cookie crumbles, okay? Call me tomorrow and I'll give you the results."

I am ushered down the corridor into the care of Donna, the technician, who snaps on tight rubber gloves and grins. "You do look a little peaky," she observes, extracting blood with one hand and deftly unpeeling a Band Aid with the other. "I'll keep my fingers crossed for ya."

FRIDAY: At the appointed hour I try to call Beth, but am obstructed from reaching her by the surgery's tortuous telephonic maze. Just as I'm wondering whether to go and pick up *the results in person*, she calls me. "Joanna, it's Beth. Not good news, I'm afraid. To be honest, hon, I don't know what's going on. You're certainly something, but it's not pregnant. I need to do more blood tests. Can you come back?" "Is it urgent?" I ask, conscious I have an interview to write up. "How can I put this, *hon*? Can you come back as soon as possible, like this afternoon?"



EAMONN FARRELL

My land of stolen childhood

Mary McAleese tells **Noreen Taylor** how she has become a symbol for Ireland's hopes



Mary McAleese: "We lived a very clannish life, running in and out of one another's houses. On Saturdays, we never, ever, closed our front door"

From within the large, formal drawing-room of the stately 17th-century house, a frisson of anticipation among the staff heralds the arrival of a tall, slim figure, expertly groomed, and fetchingly dressed in a pale blue suit.

"The President," announces a protocol officer, as Mary McAleese, the eighth President of Ireland, smiles, shakes hands, and asks for water in preference to the tea and coffee laid on a silver tray.

"I'm ready when you are," she says, settling into a chintz armchair and pointing to the sheet of questions she has agreed in advance to answer in her first interview for a British paper since her inauguration last year.

Her first official visit to London begins tomorrow, after a successful tour of the Irish diaspora in Australia and New Zealand. That trip is the reason for various Antipodean television crews snaking their cables across the hand-woven Donegal carpets which cover gilded rococo corridors and rooms.

I was already aware that her demeanour — polite, cool, to the point — is a convenient cloak worn while performing the role of head of state, and that she is also notably chilly in press encounters. With family and friends, and with the crowds who surround her during public engagements, she is a much warmer, more accessible figure. But our meeting moves easily and pleasantly from one mood to the other.

As achievements go, I suggest that being elected President of one's country surely surpasses almost any other. To wake up every morning and find oneself resident of a grand house set in Dublin's Phoenix Park must be a pretty heady experience.

"It's still a source of wonder, and life has changed very dramatically," she agrees, but stresses that it isn't without sacrifices. "At the simplest level, my family have had to give up a largely private life, and a beautiful house." Her husband Martin felt it necessary to sell his successful dental practice in order to travel and support Mary in her role. Their three children — Emma, 15, and 13-year-old twins, Sara-mai and Justin — have also had to face some difficult changes.

The greatest of these are the special joys which stem from the extended families and the community network which is still common in Ireland, north and south. "We lived a very clannish life, close to my brothers and sisters, running in and out of one another's houses. On Saturdays, we never, ever closed our front door."

It's difficult to conjure up that image in a room which, except for the fireplace laid with turf, wouldn't look out of place in an English palace. It was, after all, once the official residence of the Viceroy. "This house is a repository of both British and Irish history and heritage," she says.

Her mention of this duality is not mere diplomacy. "I think it's imperative that we are mature enough to recognise that we cannot change our history, particularly in the wake of the Good Friday Agreement, which was predicated on the need for us to respect the two cultures, and provide space for them."

As the first Irish President chosen from the Six Counties, as people in the Republic refer to Northern Ireland, she has had vivid personal experiences of the clash between those cultures, and the background of violence and bigotry.

Mary Leneghan, 48, was one of nine children born into the family of a publican in the Ardoyne area of North Belfast. There she witnessed at first hand the disadvantages of growing up as a Roman Catholic in an Orange supremacist state. When she was 19 her family were forced to flee. "We had to leave because of loyalist violence directed at our home and a series of sectarian episodes directed against my brother, who was deaf. They came to our house with machineguns and there was a loyalist car-bomb attack on my father's business."

Despite that bitter memory, she says: "We have to be generous and forgiving because I don't know of any other way to a better world. I grew up in a very, very cruel place that took away people's childhood and skewered them. It took people's talents and kept them locked up, and it placed unnecessary obstacles in the path of progress.

"I've learnt that the response is not to engage in recriminations. We have to live together, to share. I don't like the culture of conflict I grew up with. It was unhealthy. Life has taught me how important it is for us to learn to deal with each other in language that is not contemptuous, that we be joyful and curious about one another."

So how did Mary surmount the problems? She explains that her parents were the kind of people who spent their lives in servitude to their children. "They knew the key to keeping their children in Ireland, to ensure they wouldn't suffer the awful despair of us emigrating, was education."

That went for the girls, too. "I grew up without being gender conscious," she says. "The first time I ever experienced a dampening effect was when I confided my ambitions to be a lawyer to our local priest. He doubted my ability because I was a woman and I came from the wrong social class. This made me even more determined."

The family eventually moved to Rosstrevor, Co Down, and Mary went on to study law at Belfast's Queen's University. She then trained as a barrister but quickly returned to academia, becoming at just 24, Professor of Criminal Law at Trinity in Dublin. She also spent some time as a current affairs journalist at RTE, the Irish state broadcaster, before becoming head of the legal studies department at Queen's. Six years later she became the university's Pro-Vice Chancellor, beating David Trimble, who is now First Minister of the new Northern Ireland Assembly.

She has held numerous appointments to committees covering housing, hospitals, homosexual law reform and homelessness. Chosen by Fianna Fail to stand as President, she beat three other high-profile women — the Eurovision singer Dana, charity worker Ade Roche and politician Mary Banotti.

Outside Ireland, she remains virtually unknown. Certain Irish journalists also argue that she has been much more low-key than her publicity-conscious predecessor Mary Robinson. I suggest to her that, while people concede that she seems very nice, she seems, well, less noticeable.

She frowns. "In what way?"

In London, perhaps, not many would recognise her name. "But I'm not President *of London.*" comes the deft reply. "And I can assure you that I'm very engaged among the Irish people. People are very open with me. They confide in me. I'm with them in times of celebration, and of grief and pain."

The bombing of Omagh was one instance. "I see Omagh as the final death throes of the culture of violence," she says. "I believe that all parties to the Good Friday Agreement were tested and remained robust, steadfast in a way that sent powerful signals to those who believe violence is the way forward."

She argues that Ireland "is in the throes of shaking off the mantle of conflict and donning the mantle of consensus. It is a convulsive period, one which calls for the steadfastness of heart and of focus".

Was this why she had run for the presidency? "It wasn't any one thing. It came out of being a northerner, of being in a position to contribute an insight particularly relevant to the times we live in. The Irish wanted a President who would be the first among equals, who would provide inspiration and who could showcase the country, and provide leadership beyond politics."

Known to be devoutly religious, she says: "I don't really want to discuss my form of Christianity, though I can tell you that my faith sustains me. It's a spine.

"When Kofi Annan [the UN Secretary-General] returned *from Iraq he said: 'Never un*derestimate the power of prayer.' I wrote and thanked him for saying that. In my own life, prayer sustains me, keeps me going through the bad times. My parents and my grandparents used it through their grim times, and all I hope and wish for for my own children is that prayer will remain as important in their lives."

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John Bayley and Iris Murdoch: "Inside marriage one ceases to be observant because observation has become so automatic, its object at once absorbing and taken for granted." Photograph by Peter Nicholls

Living in an insidious fog



Iris



In the third extract from his memoir of Iris Murdoch, John Bayley describes how the first changes in his wife's behaviour were almost imperceptible

In 1994 we were invited to an international gathering in Israel. Iris asked not to give a paper, saying she would rather take part in a discussion in which she would answer questions on her novels or philosophical writings. She had often done this before, and it was always a success, because while never holding the floor, she had the knack of taking seriously anything that was put forward by a questioner, and investigating its potential in a friendly and sympathetic way that was both flattering and rewarding for the audience.

This time it all went wrong. The chairman was sympathetic, but soon baffled and made uncomfortable by Iris's inability to bring out the words she wanted. Her delivery had always been thoughtful and a little hesitant, and at first I was not perturbed, sure that she would recover in a few minutes. It was hard to say how conscious she was of her own difficulty, but the effect soon became paralysing, for the listener as well as for her. The audience was polite, but began to look concerned and embarrassed. Israelis are straightforward in their reactions. Several people got up and left.

I thought she would tell me afterwards how awful it had been, and that for some reason she simply hadn't felt up to it, but that did not happen. She seemed unaware, and to shrug the incident off, together with my cautious solicitude: I tried to avoid giving any impression that a fiasco had taken place. The chairman and one or two others came up to her afterwards and she talked and laughed in her natural way. One asked about her last novel, *The Green Knight*, and produced a copy for her to sign. It was at that moment I remembered being surprised at her telling me, several months before, that she was in trouble over her current novel, the one that appeared the following year as *Jackson's Dilemma*.

"It's this man Jackson," she had said to me one day with a worried detachment. "I can't make out who he is, or what he's doing." I was interested, because she hardly ever spoke of the people in a novel she was writing. "Perhaps he'll turn out to be a woman," I said. Iris was always indulgent to a joke from me, even a feeble one, but now she looked serious, and puzzled. "I don't think he's been born yet," she said.

Inside marriage one ceases to be observant because observation has become so automatic, its object at once absorbing and taken for granted. The mysteriousness of Iris's remark seemed to me at the time quite normal. "Don't worry, I expect he'll be born any day now," I said, but she continued to look worried and upset. "I shan't do it, and shall never do another," she said, still in that detached tone. She had often said such things before, though not quite like that. I realised for the first time that something might be seriously wrong.

I "realised" it, but without any feeling of alarm, because I was somehow sure that everything would carry on just as usual. In a sense I was right. When the Alzheimer's patient loses touch with time, time seems to lose both its prospective and its retrospective significance. For the partner, that is. Knowing that Iris would always be the same, I felt that the tiny disturbing eccentricity I had noticed then, when we talked about "Jackson", must always have been present, and would go on undisturbed into the future. Nothing that Iris could do, and nothing that could happen to her, could possibly make her any different. The eeriness of Alzheimer's beginnings is also its reassurance. Part of me knew that I ought to be seriously worried about the future; part knew that neither future nor past was of any consequence.

> Part of me knew I ought to be seriously worried

Alzheimer's is like an insidious fog, barely noticeable until everything around has disappeared. After that it is no longer possible to believe that a world outside the fog exists. First we saw our own GP, who asked Iris who the Prime Minister was. She had no idea but said to him with a smile that it surely didn't matter. He arranged an appointment at the big hospital with a specialist in geriatrics. Brain scans followed; and after an article appeared about this famous novelist's current difficulties, the Cambridge Research Unit of the Medical Council took a special interest, giving her a number of exhaustive tests in memory and language that she underwent politely, seeming both to humour the researchers and to enjoy working with them. *Jackson's Dilemma* came out and got exceptionally good reviews. I read these reviews to Iris, a thing I had never done before because she had never before wanted to listen. Now she listened politely but without understanding.

An Alzheimer's patient is not usually conscious in any definable way of what has happened. If it were otherwise the process, however irreversible it becomes in the end, would have developed along different lines, in a different form. Some sufferers do remain conscious of their state, paradoxical as this seems. The torment of knowing that you cannot speak or think what you want must be intolerable, and I have met patients in whom such a torment is clearly visible. But when Iris talks to me the result seems normal to her and to me surprisingly fluent, provided I do not listen to what is being said but apprehend it in a matrimonial way, as the voice of familiarity, and thus of recognition.

Time constitutes an anxiety because its conventional shape and progression have gone, leaving only a perpetual query. There are some days when "When are we leaving?" never stops, though it is repeated without agitation. Indeed, there can seem something quite peaceful about it, as if it hardly mattered when we went, or where, and to stay at home might in any case be preferable. In Faulkner's novel *Soldier's Pay*, the blinded airman keeps saying to his friend "When are they going to let me out?" That makes one flinch: the writer has contrived unerringly to put the reader in the blind man's place. Iris's query does not in itself suggest desire for change or release into a former state of being; nor does she want to know when we are getting in the car and going out to lunch. The journey on which we are leaving may for her mean the final one; or, if that sounds too portentous, simply some sort of disappearance from the daily life which, without her work, must itself have lost all sense and identity.

Iris once told me that the question of identity had always puzzled her. She thought she herself hardly possessed such a thing, whatever it was. I said she must know what it was like to be oneself, even to revel in the consciousness of oneself as a secret and separate person — a person unknown to any other. She smiled, was amused, looked uncomprehending. It was not something she bothered about.

Conceivably it is the persons who hug their identity most closely to themselves for whom the condition of Alzheimer's is most dreadful. Iris's own lack of sense of identity seemed to float her more gently into its world of preoccupied emptiness. Placidly every night she insists on laying out quantities of her clothing on my side of the bed, and when I quietly remove them, back they come again. She wants to look after me? Is that it? It may be a simpler sort of confusion, for when we go to bed she often asks me which side she should be on. Or is it something deeper and fuller, less conscious and less "caring" than that far too self-conscious adjective suggests? She has never wanted to look after me in the past, thank goodness; indeed one of the pleasures of living with Iris was her serenely benevolent unawareness of one's daily welfare. So restful.

As I work in bed early in the morning, typing on my old portable with Iris quietly asleep beside me, her presence as she now is seems as it always was, and as it always should be. I know she must once have been different but I have no true memory of a different person.

Waking up for a peaceful second or two she looks vaguely at the Olivetti lying on my knees, cushioned by one of her jerseys. Not long ago, when I asked if it disturbed her, she said she liked to hear that funny noise in the morning. She must be used to it, although a couple of years ago she would have been getting up herself at this time — 7am — and preparing to start her own day. Nowadays she lies asleep, sometimes giving a little grunt or murmur, often sleeping well past nine, when I rouse and dress her. This ability to sleep like a cat, at all hours of the day and night, must be one of the great blessings that sometimes go with Alzheimer's, converse of the anxiety state that comes on in wakefulness and finds worried words such as "When are we leaving?"

> Dressing most days is a happy and comic business

Dressing most days is a happy and comic business. I am myself still far from sure which way round her underpants are supposed to go: we usually decide between us that it doesn't matter. Trousers are simpler: hers have a grubby white label on the inside at the back. I ought to give her a bath, or rather a wash of some sort since baths are tricky, but I tend to postpone it from day to day. For some reason it is easier to do the job in cold blood, as it were, at an idle moment later in the day. Iris never objects to this: she seems in a curious way to accept it as both quite normal and wholly exceptional, as if the two concepts had become identified for her. Perhaps that is why she seems to accept her daily state as if none other had ever existed: assuming too that no one else would find her changed in any way; just as my own memory only works with her now as she is, and so, as my memory seems to assume, must always have been.

It seems normal that the old routines of washing and dressing have vanished as if they, too, had never existed. If she remembered them, which she doesn't, I can imagine her saying to herself, did one really go through every day all those unnecessary rituals? My own memory, after all, can hardly believe that I once went through all those other rituals of falling in love and becoming agitated, ecstatic, distracted . . .

Those in the same boat have a natural desire to compare notes. A man whom I had known when we were both 18-year-olds and in the Army, wrote to me to commiserate. Aside from his job as a stockbroker, his chief interests had been girls and vintage cars. When his wife, younger than he, developed the condition, he looked after her with exemplary devotion. He liked reporting progress, or the reverse, in terms of effective notes. Once he wrote: "I used to view the female form divine in a rather different light. Now I find myself hosing it down every morning."

I do it much less often. But I giggle internally if that jest comes into my head when washing between her legs and working over the contours of Iris's "female form divine". No use trying to share this joke with Iris. But she will watch the animated cartoons on the children's TV programme with something approaching glee.

We have had television only a few months — it never occurred to us before. Now I listen for its noise from the kitchen and hope it will remain switched on. If there is silence, I know that Iris has switched it off and is sitting there without moving. Attention span does not seem to be the trouble. She turns the thing off not because she is bored with it — boredom doesn't seem with her a possible state of mind — but out of an instinct to get away, the one that makes her say "When are we leaving?" She leaves offered and attempted occupations — all now tacitly given up — for the same reason. When are they going to let us out?

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TOMORROW

'I cannot now imagine Iris any different'

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Show us the money, Mr President

Clinton will pay, but not with his job, argues **Bronwen Maddox**

Bill Clinton should resign. It is inconceivable that he will; therefore he will survive.

That unfortunate outcome is now the most likely. It will keep in the White House a President who indulged himself with a stupidity beyond comprehension, abusing the trust of his party and taking advantage of a besotted young woman; he then lied under oath and sent others out to put their names to statements he knew were untrue.

Those are powerful reasons for resignation, out of honour. They are reasons for Hillary to divorce him. But they are probably too fuzzy in legal terms to provide clearcut grounds for impeachment, should a nervous Congress press ahead with hearings. President Clinton's salvation has been popular support. For all the words that have been spent on the Lewinsky affair, one number matters more: two thirds. Two thirds of Americans don't want to see him impeached. Two thirds, minus a couple of percentage points, don't want him to resign.

This weekend, when congressional Democrats went back to their districts, they were given less grief than they had expected. Revived, many have come back to town convinced that a formal censure by Congress is the compromise that would best suit them. Or in this week's new phrase, some back "Censure Plus". They believe a formal reprimand with some other sign of contrition, such as money, would satisfy the American public.

> Ken Starr would have been sunk without Lewinsky

How much? The reckoning is that it will be more than a President's annual salary, but a lot less than the $40 million cost of the investigation. In this saga, which has so subtly reflected the faults and excesses of America's legalistic culture, it may be inevitable that the resolution is an out-of-court settlement between Mr Clinton and the American people.

That popular support could not be assumed, but can be understood. When the Starr report hit cyberspace on Friday night, Mr Clinton's chances of survival rocketed. The real shock is how little the report contains. In a drama where the blame and the most serious constitutional issues lie on Mr Clinton's shoulders, Mr Starr has succeeded in putting his own behaviour on trial.

We can now see that the independent counsel would have been utterly sunk without the testimony of Monica Lewinsky. His report reads like a novella because it is almost all in her words. Without her, Mr Starr's report contained only the inconsistent memories of the President's secretary and a few bodyguards.

And the report is inescapably prurient. Mr Starr believed too much the refrain that America is a puritanical country. It is, but in a test as revealing of the nation's sexual habits as the Kinsey reports were in their day, he has proved to be more sexually innocent and easily shocked than the nation at large.

It is not that parents enjoy explaining the report to their children. But as hours of television coverage have shown, with the diligent recording of the "vox pops" which have proved their worth over the scandal, many Americans appear to have fooled around in similar fashion in high school. Mr Clinton and Ms Lewinsky were not the first couple in history to notice that certain everyday objects have a phallic shape. The greater surprise is the puritanism of Mr Clinton's own behaviour, in holding back from full intercourse.

Mr Clinton, who sees the escape rope from the pit dangling closer to his reach with every day, would be overturning a lifetime's instincts if he threw away that lifeline. It would take a profound psychological change for him to quit.

It would be surprising too, given popular sentiments, as well as the legal muddiness of some of Mr Starr's case, if Congress pressed ahead with full conviction through the impeachment process. Their sensitivity to popular pressure is in one sense regrettable; it may deter the Congress from considering the definition of an impeachable offence. The United States, which has never impeached a President, is still a long way from answering that central question.

But if Congress backs off, there will be one blessing. Without question, the presidency, and the separation of powers underpinning American government, would be damaged if the President's survival became a matter of repeated votes of confidence. The President, elected for a fixed term, should not depend for survival on the continuing support of Congress. He should be able to weather extreme unpopularity and make unpopular decisions while in office.

The prospect of repeated votes of confidence in the President would mean, in the words of Bruce Ackerman "a massive shift towards a British-style system of parliamentary government". It would seriously weaken the presidency in favour of Congress. Inevitably, the House would use the threat of impeachment hearings to hassle the President.

The real pity of the Starr investigation is that it is a wasted opportunity. The entire inquiry, sprawling as it has been, has missed the real murk of the Clinton years. Never mind the $40 million of taxpayers money which has drained into Mr Starr's inquiry; the real squandered resource is that Ken Starr's forensic obsessiveness was never directed towards the bank accounts of mysterious Asian donors alleged to have contributed to the Clinton campaign.

Sex can lose you an American election, but money can win it. Of all the potential abuses of the power of the presidency worth investigating, the money machine still tops the list.



Gordon's tame Tory

Eddie George is Labour's puppet, but the unions may cut the strings

Simon Jenkins

The Trades Union Congress will in two years be celebrating the centenary of the Labour Party. The party was formed by the TUC to rectify the exclusion of organised labour from Parliament. There will be oratory, banners, beer and banality. But celebration could take a more bizarre form. The TUC may celebrate by repetition. It could found the Labour Party over again, to rectify the same exclusion. History re-enacts itself first as tragedy, then as farce.

Yesterday the Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, travelled to Blackpool to tell TUC delegates that they cannot have long-term growth in Britain unless inflation is kept under control. Interest rates must stay high. His economists say so. Rubbish, replied the TUC. Controlling inflation with high interest rates does the opposite: it produces recession. TUC economists agree. Most economists resolve such conflicts by examining the signatures on their cheques. They have the morals of doctors in a tobacco firm. Economic advice is merely money talking.

That is why we should prefer politics. Mr George's trip to Blackpool was raw politics, the denouement of last year's bizarre promise of "independence" for the Bank from the Chancellor, Gordon Brown. The move was wildly misinterpreted. It was lauded as removing a key monetary regulator from nasty, corrupt politics to clean, mathematical economics. Seven high priests would gather each month in the City, examine the holy entrails and fix interest rates. Since economists' opinions are rooted not in science but in cultural genetics, the "monetary policy committee" was carefully chosen to balance any argument, neatly leaving Mr George with the casting vote.

The independence of a central bank is a fiction. What government gives, government can take away. The Bank of England is a statutory body, like Customs and Excise or the Child Support Agency. Ministers set its remit and leave it alone as long as delegation is politically convenient. The Bank's present remit is to hold the inflation rate at 2.5 per cent, by means of a single tool, the interest paid by the Bank on short-term money.

This rate is not a mere function of market prices. So dominant is government over the economy that the rate immediately affects the public, directly on the cost of debt, indirectly on job security. Interest rates carry more political clout than any other economic regulator. To pretend that some regulators, such as taxes, are a matter of politics and others, such as interest rates, are coolly mechanical is facile.

A Chancellor who delegates interest rates to the Bank of England is saying two things. He is declaring that he wants rates to go higher, on average, than he would have the guts to take them himself. He is also seeking to avoid political responsibility for such rises. He wants to shield behind Mr George and his committee. It is called blame-shedding. The trouble is that Mr George is an official appointed by Mr Brown and answerable to him. The two are entwined in a joint accountability. Hence Mr George's visit to Blackpool. He could as well have been introduced as "Minister for Interest Rates". The Governor spoke not as a monetary technician but with the panoptic vision of a surrogate, and very conservative, Chancellor.

The pretence of Bank independence almost collapsed last April. Mild panic had seized the Treasury. The refusal to raise taxes in the previous Budget had thrown on to interest rates the whole burden of controlling what appeared to be rising inflation. Yet there were already signs of a downturn in economic activity. Exporters crippled by the exchange rate and manufacturers crippled by the cost of borrowing had experienced three interest-rate rises since the Government came to power. The Bank seemed to be driving the economy into long-term recession in its obsession with the short-term inflation target. The country faced a return to the "stagflation" of the early Eighties and early Nineties, of high interest rates with high unemployment.

The front pages of the weekend of April 5 tell what happened next. "Brown wants sign from Bank that rates will not rise", they trumpeted from the same song sheet. "The Treasury wants the Bank of England to signal this week that interest rates have peaked, in order to push the pound lower," read the copy. "This marks a shift by Mr Brown and his team." In the old days, such orders came down the phone. Under Kenneth Clarke, they emerged after publicly minuted meetings between the Chancellor and the Bank. Under "independence" the mechanism is more subtle. Pressure takes the form of menacing press leaks and the myriad personal liaisons that are a feature of new Labour.

Mr George's visit to Blackpool was his response to this pressure. It was an exercise in accountability. Mr George may hold a casting vote on whether interest rates go up or down. But Mr Brown holds the casting vote on Mr George's contract, his objectives, his advisers and the thousand daily leaks by which his judgment is conditioned. The Governor yesterday referred to finding it "difficult to hear myself think above the deafening roar". But in giving him charge of interest rates, Mr Brown was giving him the most delicate of political weapons. To think the Bank could wield it without political intervention is absurd.

My impression is that the Bank of England overplayed its hand last April. It had raised interest rates enough to calm the markets, but failed to cut them when signalled to do so by the Treasury. It thus refused to laugh at Mr Brown's little joke. "Independence" means doing what you are told, and taking the blame when it goes wrong. That is what dealing with the British Treasury is about, private obsequiousness and public penance. Ask any spending minister.

Instead the Bank has done what Mr Brown feared. It has delayed an interest-rate cut, not only risking recession but, far worse, risking the Government being blamed for recession. There will be revenge. The Bank will prove to be no more independent than the Prison Service under Michael Howard. For the time being, any fool can tell what will happen. The delay will cost the Treasury a fortune. This was presaged in yesterday's *Times* headline: "Mandelson plans fresh coal rescue". One Thatcherite policy whose demise is imminent under Tony Blair is non-intervention in industry. Beaten breast of lame duck is back on the menu.

The last Government threw subsidies at inward investment, including at the electronics factories of Wales and the North East that are turning thousands onto the dole. The Prime Minister has intervened in the Fujitsu closure in his own constituency. For coal and superconductors soon read steel, shipbuilding, car-making and any firm big enough to yield a job-losses story on the evening news. "Regional policy" is the price the Treasury must pay for Bank independence.

When the last Tory Government set off down the path of privatisation, it retained a panoply of powers by which any government could resume command over the economy. "Denationalisation" was a sham. The Office of Fair Trading and the statutory regulators may intervene in the electricity, gas, water, rail, air, media and telecommunication businesses. Government subsidies can be disbursed and cross-subsidies ordered. Railtrack is told to raise investment, water firms to clean rivers, power stations to use more coal. A command economy can be led as effectively in private as in public ownership. In a celebrated aside, Lord Ridley even told Baroness Thatcher that they could control industries better if ministers did not own assets. So long as the strings are in place, the puppeteer is more powerful than the puppet.

With the moral collapse of the Parliamentary Labour Party, the trade unions are now the cutting edge of the Labour movement. Leaders such as John Monks, John Edmonds, Bill Morris and Rodney Bickerstaffe are capable and effective lobbyists. We should never forget that they remain Labour's principal pay-masters. As unemployment rises, they will be hounding Mr Brown, and Mr Brown will be hounding the Bank of England. The Bank will have to move in line with political pressure or it can forget its cosmetic "independence". Perhaps that it why Mr George went to Blackpool. Politics is the only game in town. Politics fixes interest rates as surely as it fixes taxes.

Otherwise the unthinkable will happen. The TUC will go off and found another Labour Party.

Alan Coren



■ A few words of warning from the subs' bench

A full week has now passed, but still, every night, the same nightmare recurs. You cannot know how bad this nightmare is. This nightmare is what nightmares are all about. This nightmare is end-to-end stuff. And don't tell me to think the nightmare isn't over till it's over, because it is never over: it may be a nightmare of two halves, but I never come on for the second half, because this nightmare is so bad I have to take an early bath. I have to take it because when, at 3am, I hinge upright out of this nightmare, the first thing the waking eye sees is its moonlit body slick with gelid sweat. I am under that moon ... I am sick as a parrot.

So I fall out of bed and I roll a couple of times, and I stagger to the bathroom with this stagger which has become something of a trademark with the lad, it is a quality stagger, but my body swerves the wrong way at the door and I hit the post, and I will have something to show for that in the morning, you could hear the crunch from the top of the shower. But I recover, I shake my head, I grin, I have heart, I have bottle, I can still do the business, so I run the bath, and climb in, and I light a fag, one won't hurt, I do not abuse this body, it is a temple, it could still do most of a press-up, no problem.

I am awake, now. Which means that, for the eighth night running, I am once again ready for a major prayer. No, I am not what you would call wossname, religious, but I never walk alone, because the one thing I do know is that you get nowhere in this game without a little help from the man upstairs. And have you clocked yet what it is I am praying for? Of course you have, you have all the skills, you have an educated left lobe, you are greased lightning on toast, give you a bit of an opening, couple of paragraphs, and you are off like a bloody train, you are up front ahead of me, you are already in the box. You know that I am praying for Manchester United to rule okay forever.

Because you have sussed where my nightmare is coming from. It is coming from falling into bed after days spent mulling the appalling consequences if United fail to rule okay forever. It could happen. Football is a funny old game. Ask anyone. Ask Accrington Stanley: he'll tell you, if you can find him. A couple of dodgy seasons, and who knows? Mr Murdoch does not mess about, he did not get where he is today by not getting where he is today, one Cup hammering by QPR and he will more than likely have the entire squad lined up on the Sotheby's catwalk before the market gets nervy, cut his losses, sell off, nothing like a big cash injection to settle the shareholders, the lad done good, these are the skills that brought him the price-tag, plus Old Trafford is still worth a bob or two, bags of mileage left in the brand, all those strips, all those rights, no worries. And, knowing the man as intimately as I do, let me tell you that if he is not one to chuck good money after bad, neither is he one whose word is not his bond: so, pledged as he is to keep United going, he would do what next? Dead right, he would cobble a new team next; but dirt cheap, this time. And where on his gracious payroll would he find them?

This is what I have been pondering for the past week. This is why the nightmare never ends. For this is what happens, every night: United are playing a classic formation, me up front with William Rees-Mogg on my left, a flatback three of Matthew Parris, Libby Purves and Simon Jenkins filling the hole behind, four defenders from the subs' bench (yes, you are not wrong, I have been waiting 720 words to tap that one in), Chalky White from Maintenance as a conventional sweeper (728 words) and, of course, Philip Howard in goal, where his stunning professional skills uniquely qualify him to chronicle all the scatological neologisms the crowd is screaming at us. Not, mind, that he has as much leisure as he would like to hark and jot, given that he has had to retrieve the ball from his net 17 times, because Wapping Infants Second XI appear to be on something of a roll, particularly the girls.

Nightmare, or what? Could there be a better reason to pray for an ever more triumphant United? Hear me, O Lord, in this my hour of trepidation! Or, if that's too much to ask, come on, you Reds!

Bitter pill

DAMIEN HIRST'S Pharmacy could be forced to close. The gimmicky restaurant, set up in partnership with Matthew Freud, that other high-flyer, is having its licence reviewed. This comes as more traditional residents of Notting Hill grumble that Hirst (below left) *et al* have reneged on their licensing agreement. Then the joint promised not to block the road behind Pharmacy, Victoria Grove, with smelly delivery lorries and to keep its back door closed. But they claim that the lorries come and the door is forever swinging in the wind. Bad news, really. Neighbours include Tony Benn (right) and Pamela, Lady Harlech, chairman of the English National Ballet, and its licence from Kensington and Chelsea council is up for renewal this month.



Since the restaurant opened in January, amid a snowstorm of publicity, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, which took a dim view of the pill bottles lined up inside the establishment forced a name change. It is currently Army Champ, but is to convert again to Pharmacy Bar and Restaurant, prior to a float on the Stock Exchange.

Hirst hopes its licensing hours will be extended (thirsty guests are not allowed above the ground floor after midnight, and can never stay later than 2am, waking up time for its trustafarian clientele) but the council says it is investigating the complaints of the Notting Hillites who want it closed.

However, Benn, who has lived locally since the Fifties, puffs: "It is all being fancied up around here," he sighs. "Pharmacy is the sort of place you just walk straight by." So would he *ever* eat there? "Good God, no." Sensible chap.

● *JUST how miserable was life across the capital in Hackney for Tony Blair? At yesterday's housing launch, the PM reminisced that the Holly Street Estate, said to be just yards from where the Blairs used to live, was a battleground of terrified residents and racist attacks. But the Blair residence offered an oasis of gentrification from such grim poverty. In 1980 Tony and Cherie bought a four-bedroom, three-storey terraced house at 59, Mapledene Road, Hackney, for £40,000. A bargain really since the sought-after property is now valued at £230,000.*

DIARY

Lens change

DAVID BAILEY is abandoning his photographic career for moving pictures. The model-snapper is to achieve his 30-year dream of directing a film. "I was going to make *A Clockwork Orange* in 1964 with Andy Warhol. Mick Jagger was going to play the lead but Andrew Loog Oldham, the Stones's manager, wanted too much cash."

Now Bailey has scraped together the funds to attract the world's most beautiful women to star in his first feature. "Natassia Kinski and Charlotte Gainsbourg are in it. It's called *The Intruders* and it's a Hitchcock-type thriller." Bailey-watchers will not be surprised to learn that the plot may require the starlets to spend large sections of the film in economical dress.

● *PILED high in the basement of Sir Edward Heath's house: remaindered copies of* Sailing: *a course of my life, his 1975 scribblings. I cannot imagine after reading an extract from* The Course of My Life, *serialised over the weekend, that his new attempt at autobiography will be nearly so unpopular.*

Rock solid?

A COMPANY owned by the family of Osama bin Laden, the dodgy Saudi believed by the United States to be responsible for terrorist attacks on their embassies, has won a splendid new contract: to build a £70 million barracks for American soldiers in the Saudia Arabian desert. The base is being constructed to increase security after the recent terrorist atrocities.

● *THE cream of the country's cartographers gathered for a convention at Keele University at the weekend, but were cruelly let down by their map-reading: they failed to find their way to the banquet on the other side of the campus.*



Word perfect

BALDRICK and the Three Degrees (above) have been called in by the TUC to coach the brothers in the gentle arts of sounding more appealing. Trade unionists at this week's conference are being offered courses in speech projection by well-known actors and singers, enabling them to deliver rhetorical gems such as "greedy bastards" in perfect iambic pentameter.

Equity is offering Sheila Ferguson, formerly of that 1970s pop combo the Three Degrees, and Tony Robinson, who was rather in need of union representation as Baldrick in *Black Adder*. I can quite see that mumbled colliery vowels are not the right projection for the message: but perhaps it's the message that needs a makeover.

● *RONALD BARKER, the important televisual comedian, has written an entertainment for his daughter, Charlotte. It's a surreal black number with Charlotte in her room thinking about her relationships with her parents. "By the end of the play one realises that her parents are dead." For Barker this sounds like quite a departure.*

JASPER GERARD

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LABOUR'S TABLETS

How Viagra can help the Health Service

"I shudder to think of the ceaseless cascade of medicine which is pouring down British throats at the present time," said Aneurin Bevan in words which should be ringing in Frank Dobson's ears as he ponders whether the NHS should pay for Viagra, the new treatment for male impotence. Mr Dobson has inherited Mr Bevan's dilemma: how to satisfy the public's expectation of what the NHS can provide without bankrupting the nation. For a Government that claims it loves to think the unthinkable, Viagra should stimulate a long-overdue debate on how the NHS is funded and the priorities given to the services that it offers.

Science has helped the NHS save money. New drugs have reduced the length of time people need stay in hospital. The number of patients suffering from the twelve major disease types — including bronchitis and tuberculosis — has almost halved over the last forty years, saving £10 billion a year. Despite this, NHS spending has ballooned from £433 million in 1949 to £37 billion. The drugs bill has tripled in the last 12 years. Although modern Britons are living longer and are no longer prone to epidemics, more people are being treated on the NHS than ever before. If the Government wants to control spending, it needs to understand why the bills keep on rising.

Since its inception, the NHS has gradually eroded the individual's responsibility for their health. Politicians have surrendered to the public's relentless demand for the best and latest treatments to be provided free of charge. Treatments for tuberculosis meningitis, pernicious anaemia and then diptheria became available in the first year of the NHS alone. Twenty five years later, kidney dialysis, heart-lung machines, hip replacements and a range of other developments were considered routine. By 1993, almost 90 per cent of drugs dispensed were free prescriptions.

As people began to consider such free provision a "right", Ministers and doctors became afraid to discuss whether the demands facing the NHS should be placed in order of priority. Should a patient with a terminal illness be given a new drug, costing thousands of pounds, simply to keep him alive for another few days? Or is that money better spent treating hundreds of patients with less serious, but still painful, conditions? Should the NHS spend money to change people's way of life — such as giving fertility treatment — or focus solely on improving health and curing illness?

Failure to address these issues has led doctors and hospitals to ration their services in a muddled and often covert manner. A national health lottery has emerged, where provision depends on where you live. The case of Child B, Jaymee Bowen, whose health authority refused to give her experimental treatment for leukaemia, dramatically exposed this. Some health authorities have said they cannot afford new treatments for cancer and Alzheimer's. Although people aged over 65 account for more than 40 per cent of hospital spending, there is a growing fear that elderly patients are being discriminated against in favour of the young.

The introduction of Viagra gives Mr Dobson the opportunity to open these issues to public debate. Individuals need to be made more aware of the cost of their treatment, and encouraged to take more responsibility for their personal well-being. So long as patients are shielded from the real cost of 'free' prescriptions, demand for them will continue to rise. Ministers should consider the French system. There, patients pay for their prescriptions in their entirety: if they produce the receipt, they will be reimbursed for 80 per cent of the cost, or more if they fall into certain indigent groups. Private medical insurance should be rewarded: the abolition of tax relief on medical insurance for those over 65 was unfortunate. If more people were insured, the NHS could consider whether non-essential or cosmetic services should be provided free of charge.

Politicians of all persuasions might find this debate uncomfortable. But as the NHS is a creation of the State, it is a political responsibility to control it. Mr Dobson might move from Bevan to another Old Labour wise man: "There is no foreseeable limit on the social services which the nation can reasonably require" warned Richard Crossman, "except the limit that the Government imposes".

SINK CITIES

Whitehall must liaise with itself before helping others

As Britain became richer during the 1980s, one group was left further behind. This country began to resemble America more than continental Europe, with an "underclass" of welfare dependants cut off from the jobs market, concentrated in council housing, both suffering and causing disproportionate levels of crime. For many voters, Labour's intention to tackle such problems was one of its more attractive features.

In fact, the Conservatives had spent heavily on addressing urban deprivation. But it did not always help. Labour's New Deal for Communities, launched by the Prime Minister yesterday, starts by examining why the failures occurred and what could be done to prevent them in future. There is clearly no point in building a community centre for a sink estate only to have it vandalised by the residents. It would probably be far better to ask them what they want in the first place and involve them in the planning and design. They will be more likely to appreciate and care for the result.

The Government's new policy virtually bypasses local authorities — which in many cases have exacerbated rather than ameliorated the problems — in favour of smaller "neighbourhood management" groups. Ministers are hoping that these will dominate the first 17 "pathfinder" projects, representing a triumph of decentralisation over old-Labour statism.

The other welcome aspect of the report is its acknowledgement that investment must go into people as well as bricks and mortar. Where long-term and youth unemployment are high, money should be spent on teaching people the skills to make them employable. Where teenagers have nothing to do, football sessions could be more effective in combating crime than higher fences.

The problems of sink estates are caused as much by social and population change as by buildings. Although a cleaner and more congenial environment helps to lift morale, it is not enough in itself. These estates have suffered from the exodus of "respectable" working people who, in the 1960s and 1970s, formed a critical mass of law-abiding residents. Now that many estates are populated almost entirely by the unemployed and single parents, the virtuous peer pressure has dissipated. Measures to encourage working people back to estates — or at least to involve them through mentoring, arts and sports — would help to reintroduce the male role models that so many disaffected youths lack.

The biggest challenge lies within Government itself. This is a huge experiment in "joined-up thinking", involving 18 committees and 11 departments. The exercise recognises the overlapping nature of the problems, and the need for matching solutions. Whitehall is temperamentally unsuited to the task. Encouraging officials to deal effectively with other departments may be as hard as discouraging teenagers from spraying graffiti on every newly built wall.

TASTE NOW, PAY LATER

Artists can drum up new audiences by public performance

Every arts organisation in Britain knows, or ought to know, that it must find "tomorrow's audience", or perish. But the gap between good intentions and proven success in attracting first-time visitors — particularly to the more serious, subsidised arts — is still far too wide.

It is easy for those in the arts to lay the blame for falling audiences at somebody else's door: television is blamed for "dumbing down" tastes; Hollywood for wooing the young with saturation advertising; or the Government for not "investing" enough subsidy in highbrow culture. But too many arts organisations are guilty of clinging to tired old ways of marketing themselves, ways that appeal only to those who already go to concerts or the theatre. The hard challenge is to break through to the millions who "know what they like and like what they know". That is why Birmingham's ArtFest initiative, reported today on our arts pages, is so admirable.

Seventy music, theatre, dance and visual arts groups are taking over the city centre to give brief extracts from their forthcoming attractions. The Royal Shakespeare Company will perform 30-minute spells of the Bard. There will be orchestra, opera and ballet, workshops and "taster" pieces. The strategy is the same as trailers for films and the first chapters of new books published in slim paperback in order to whet appetites.

Such wide public previews of forthcoming arts events are new to Britain. Birmingham's ArtsFest is taken from Amsterdam's successful Uitmarkt (Out Market). This is itself based on the thrifty Dutch annual day of Uitmarkt, a national car boot sale, in which each household puts out on its doorstep items that it wants to get rid of. The crowds at the Uitmarkt can either buy tickets then and there or are reminded when the show comes on that they enjoyed the taste of it.

Some performing arts lend themselves to coherent extracts better than others. Diana Rigg declaiming a speech by Phèdre might make a more intelligible advertisement than a gobbet from Schoenberg's Moses und Aron or O'Neill's Mourning Becomes Electra or even the lost chord of a Beethoven piano sonata. Purists may complain that such brief extracts dumb down high art. And the Reduced Shakespeare Company is already gutting Shakespeare. But for once the artists are performing free instead of asking for more subsidy, just as their predecessors in the infant theatre drummed up customers through the town before their performance.

Whether this form of evangelism sells seats is yet to be seen. But Birmingham's experiment in letting the public surf freely through the arts could introduce a new audience to the delights of cinema, theatre and gallery. This is the sort of bold idea that must be tried if public participation in cultural life is to be expanded.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Bank's power on monetary policy

From Lord Bruce of Donington

Sir, I am sure Aneurin Bevan would have been greatly intrigued with your leading article of September 10, "Change at Chequers", in which you forcibly urge Her Majesty's Government to come to an early decision on its programme for the next parliamentary session. In your very first sentence you remind us of Bevan's insistence that "the language of priorities is the religion of socialism".

Indeed you go further than this. After discussing the various proposals that might receive consideration by the Prime Minister and his colleagues, you conclude: "Some political risks must be taken. Or, as Bevan also put it: '*we know what happens to people who stay in the middle of the road. They get run down*'" (italics mine).

Emboldened by such authoritative support, may I offer a further weighty observation, made by my former chief at the same time:

> ...either poverty will use democracy to win the struggle against property, or property, in fear of poverty, will destroy democracy. (*In Place of Fear*, William Heinemann, 1952)

This, perhaps, may be considered in the light of Mr Gordon Brown's first decision, as the newly appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer, to hand over a very substantial government power, that of making interest rate and monetary policy decisions, to a Bank of England given independent powers to do so.

This step, it will be recalled, did not feature in Labour's election manifesto of 1997. The proposal surfaced, in official form, in a memorandum from Mr Nigel Lawson in 1988 to the then Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher.

Yours sincerely,
BRUCE of DONINGTON
(Parliamentary Private Secretary to Aneurin Bevan, 1945-50),
House of Lords.
September 13.

Transport policy

From Dr Robin Russell-Jones

Sir, Public transport, you say in your leading article of September 10 on parliamentary priorities, is one of the issues which can be left "to fight it out for the remaining space" in the Government's legislative programme. Let us hope that it wins, sooner rather than later.

As things stand, John Prescott seems to be suffering the same fate as every other government minister who has tried to take his environmental responsibilities seriously. He is being sidelined. All radical proposals for transport have been blocked, and it now seems that his White Paper, emasculated though it is, will not even appear in the Queen's Speech.

This is a triple tragedy: first, because the scientific link between traffic pollution and health is becoming progressively stronger; second, because car use is the fastest growing contributor to global warming; and third, because it implies that even someone as powerful as the Deputy Prime Minister cannot overcome the unholy alliance of vested interests which inevitably oppose sane proposals for an integrated transport policy.

It also tells us something about the priorities of this Government. Tony Blair can always provide an eco-friendly soundbite when the occasion demands, but is clearly unwilling to translate this into action. Like his friend Bill Clinton, he seems more intent on courting popularity than implementing policy. If his period in office is not to become another time of wasted opportunity, he should act decisively to support John Prescott's proposals.

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September 13.

Bracken menace

From Mr K. L. Rawling

Sir, As a forestry consultant with 44 years' experience in forestry and woodland management, I fully agree with Professor J. A. Taylor (letter, September 11) on the need to tackle the spread of bracken.

In the mid-Fifties and through the Sixties, I was involved in establishing fire rides between forest compartments on deep bracken sites. The best proven method we had, and which still shows the results to this day, was to bruise the bracken rather than cut it — which merely redoubles the growth — three times in the season.

A square metal roller in three sections was towed behind a tractor bruising the stems, which could not heal quickly and lost moisture and nutrients from the broken area. After three years the bracken completely disappeared, to be replaced by grass.

Any heavy object from a girder to an old railway sleeper, even a large log, would have the same effect. This method is, I believe, more environmentally friendly and cheaper than applying chemicals.

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Hague's snap referendum on EMU

From Mr Tom Spencer, MEP for Surrey (European People's Party Parliamentary Group (Conservative))

Sir, An opinion poll conducted on behalf of all Conservative MEPs at the end of last month, now in the hands of the party leadership, demonstrates why the device of a snap ballot will intensify rather than end divisions in the Conservative Party over economic and monetary union (letters, September 10). It shows that Conservative voters are overwhelmingly pragmatic: they are in favour of keeping our options open (52 per cent). On the wings, 27 per cent never wish to join, and 17 per cent want to join now.

On the basis of discussions amongst my colleagues and with Conservative candidates in Brussels last week, I would judge that a similar threefold division applies to those who will carry the party's colours in next year's European elections. This team of candidates, selected on the "one member one vote" system introduced by the leadership, is balanced and representative of all views in the party. It should not therefore surprise anyone that Conservative candidates will hold different views on Britain's membership of EMU.

Attempts to conceal these views would be futile and dishonest. As I said during my own selection, the challenge for our party is not to suppress debate, but to avoid crucifying ourselves in public for the benefit of our opponents. Despite the zealots, the single currency is not the single issue.

Yours faithfully,
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September 14.

From Mr Conor Burns

Sir, William Hague's imaginative ballot of party members offers the Conservative Party renewed hope.

If the current policy of timed opposition to the single currency is endorsed the British people will see a party waiting for answers to sensible questions: will it work, what will it cost, how would it survive an economic cycle, what are the implications for Britain's self-government? That pragmatism will be in sharp contrast to the dogmatic position of the Labour Government pursuing early entry.

All democrats within the Conservative Party should now pledge that they will accept whatever decision we the grass roots make and put an end to the bickering and backbiting that has undermined our credibility with the nation for too long.

Rather than the hollow calls to personal unity of recent years this ballot is a call to unity around a principled and popular policy. It is a call to unity that the Conservative Party should answer. William Hague will have my vote.

Yours faithfully,
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September 9.

From Mr David Hurford-Jones

Sir, When William Hague ran for election as leader of the Conservative Party he proposed to reform the party rules for the election of leader and then offer himself for re-election under the new rules. Very soon after getting the job he effectively avoided the re-election process by calling a snap referendum of the party members to confirm him as leader and accept his reform package before the details had been finalised and properly discussed.

Now he is calling another snap referendum of the party members on his policy on EMU in an attempt to head off serious discussion on the subject at the coming party conference.

So now we know that William Hague is a wily politician looking after his own career but not someone to be trusted with seriously looking after the best interests of all the British people.

Yours sincerely,
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September 11.

From Mr Idris R. Francis

Sir, Even if hype, spin, lies and taxpayer-funded propaganda force us into EMU against all logic and objective analysis, Mary Ann Sieghart's view that "the issue will instantly disappear" after entry from within the Tory ranks ("Tony Blair: saviour of the Tories", September 10) seems to assume that EMU will be a success.

What is far more likely is that the failure and ultimate disintegration of EMU will take with it the reputations and careers of those whose judgment or ulterior motives led us so badly astray.

By standing firm against EMU Mr Hague is staking out the firm ground on which electoral success will be based.

Yours faithfully,
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September 10.

Risk assessment

From Mr Geoffrey J. Lomer, FEng

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("Scientific terrorism", September 9) is to be congratulated on his detailed and perceptive analysis of the confusion surrounding "risk" — particularly where health matters are concerned.

Many scientists would strongly support his views, even though the uncontestable cry, "more research is needed", may sometimes be motivated by the prospect of extra finance for some pet project.

However, as Jenkins points out, the media — and headline writers in particular — have a responsibility to make a much greater effort to be objective in reporting these matters, and in particular to help the public by putting the *levels* of the risk into context.

I suggest, therefore, that the scientific community should now join forces with the responsible media to evolve some form of simple numerical scale for the average risk to an individual of various activities. The public would thus find "understanding the language of risk", as advocated in your leading article of September 8, "Mad sheep scare", was a more realistic task.

Such a scale would be applicable to risks for which historical data exist; it could not readily quantify predicted "theoretical" risks, but at least would perhaps enable people to judge whether flying, driving, playing rugby, riding water slides — or eating beef or lamb — present *significant* levels of risk.

Yours faithfully,
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September 8.

Two cultures

From the Managing Director of Royal Mail

Sir, The Reverend A. B. de T. Andrews (letter, September 7) should continue writing letters with confidence.

At the start of the postal service in 1840, Royal Mail handled just over 75 million letters a year — it now handles 75 million every working day.

Of course new technology provides alternatives now, but the overall growth in total communications often works in our favour. For example, computerised services, such as home shopping, are adding to our volumes as they generate more deliveries to households.

Advertising mail accounts for about one in six letters and is a highly successful and growing service because of the response rates it receives. But the personal touch of social letters and greetings cards is also boosting our postbag: this type of mail grew by 4 per cent last year alone.

Yours faithfully,
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September 9.

Alpha challenge

From the Rector of Chatham

Sir, Dominic Kennedy's description of the Alpha Course as "fundamentalist" ("Church spreads word with £1 million ad campaign", September 9) is inappropriately alarmist.

As a middle-of-the-road Anglican I warmly welcome it as an introduction to the fundamentals of Christianity. It is certainly faithful to both the substance and the manner of Christ's claims and teaching.

These caused divisions then; they cause divisions now. That they challenge present-day religious apathy and scepticism is therefore no surprise.

Against the speculative absolutes of much doctrinaire theological liberalism Alpha offers a liberating antidote, informing people and then leaving them free to choose.

Yours faithfully,
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September 10.

Legal language

From Mr Justin Ellis

Sir, I am a solicitor. I recently drafted an agreement for the design and hosting of websites, using "reader-friendly" English as the Campaign for Plain English suggests. I am all for the removal of legal jargon from lawyers' language, particularly for agreements of this sort, where the reader is unlikely to be a lawyer.

I was therefore disappointed when my client asked me to alter the language to make the agreement look more formal and "professional". Naturally, these instructions were followed: passives were inserted, sentences lengthened, punctuation removed, legalese imported and the whole agreement became less intelligible though its meaning had not changed one iota.

I wonder what the other party will think when they receive it.

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Will more news be good news?

From Mr Peter Bazalgette

Sir, Eight distinguished elders of ITV bemoan the proposed move of *News at Ten* (letter, September 10; see also letters, September 5). They are suffering from a common condition amongst retired people — a reluctance to accept change.

ITV wishes to move *News at Ten* in order to respond to increased competition in the schedules. What's more, the multi-channel television that is the source of the competition now offers three 24-hour news channels. So we can have TV news whenever we like. We do not need regulations demanding it at a certain hour. For those who worked in the old four-channel television this is a new concept called consumer choice.

If Sir David Nichols *et al* are right that ITV is making a commercial mistake and its network suffers, the schedulers would have to move *News at Ten* back again. But, as an independent television producer, I believe that to be the sort of free decision which networks should take for themselves, without the intervention of a nanny.

Yours faithfully,
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September 10.

From Sir Brian Young

Sir, Eight years ago, with their new broadcasting legislation, politicians made it difficult to retain some depth and serious purpose in the output of ITV, particularly at peak time. They rarely watched television and they seemed to care little about the fate of drama, comedy, documentaries, current affairs, arts, education and religion on this channel. But they claimed that their type of competition and their pressure on the funding of programmes would do good.

It is a sad irony that only when their changes finally threaten *News at Ten* are they troubled.

Yours truly,
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September 11.

From Ms Helen Grierson

Sir, Why should the viewing habits of "decision-makers and wealth creators" be of prime consideration, as Mr Christopher Scholfield suggests (letter, September 5), when deciding whether *News at Ten* should be moved to 6.30pm? And even if, as he postulates, those most likely to react to advertising will form the majority audience at 6.30pm, does it matter?

The important thing is to give as many people access to news as possible. A more informed public should lead to a better governed country.

If I made decisions and created wealth I think I would have enough gumption to install a video recorder.

Yours faithfully,
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Put in quad

From Mr Gordon Brudenell

Sir, From 1960 onwards, until he retired, I taught with a PE/rugby teacher in Walsall who had an enormously rich range of sayings (letters, September 4, 8 and 9).

I remember: "Line up alphabetically according to size" and "If you fool around on the field and break your leg, lad, don't come running to me for sympathy!"

He has long since gone to the great rugby field on high, but is well remembered by generations of old boys and colleagues.

Yours faithfully,
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September 14.

From Mrs Eileen Owen

Sir, Perhaps the master referred to by Mr Peter Strachan Cowie (letter, September 8) was not only a geographer but an archer — a "pair of arrows" referring to a matched set of three.

Yours faithfully,
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September 9.

Balanced view

From Mr Anthony Brindle

Sir, I was delighted to read (report, September 10) that the findings of research at the Max Planck Institute into the connection between mental decline and the ability to balance confirm the instruction from my father in the 1930s: "Stand up my boy, it's the first sign of old age when you sit to put on your socks."

Yours vertically,
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September 12.

COURT CIRCULAR

ST JAMES'S PALACE

September 15: The Prince of Wales, Patron, the Guinness Trust, this morning held a conference on the design of housing.

His Royal Highness, with The Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia, this evening attended at Reception at the Dorchester Hotel, London.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

September 15: The Duke of York this evening presented the Awards for the Professional Cricketers' Association Players of the Year at Lord's Indoor Cricket School, St John's Wood, London.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

September 15: The Prince Edward this morning arrived at Heathrow airport, London, from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

September 15: The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon visited Merseyside and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr Alan Waterworth).

Her Royal Highness opened St Mary's Market, Chalon Way, St Helens.

The Duchess of Gloucester afterwards visited Robins Lane Community School, St Helens, to mark the Sixtieth Anniversary.

Her Royal Highness later opened St Mary's Care Centre, Halewood.

Birthdays today

Miss Lauren Bacall, actress, 74; Mr Keith Bosley, poet and translator, 37; Lord Brassey of Apethorpe, 66; Mr Tommy Carberry, racehorse trainer, 57; Professor Kenneth Coates, MEP, 68; Lord Grimthorpe, 83; Mr Loyd Grossman, broadcaster, 48; Mr Charles Haughey, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland, 73; Lord Henderson of Brompton, 76; Dame Deirdre Hine, civil servant, 61; Mr Ian Horsbrugh, Principal, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, 57; Mr Andy Irvine, rugby player, 47; the Very Rev W.B. Johnston, former Chaplain to the Queen in Scotland, 77; Mr B.B. King, guitarist and singer, 73; Mr Lee Kuan Yew, former Prime Minister of Singapore, 75; Mrs Judith Miller, publisher, 47; Sir John Page, former MP, 79; Baroness Pike, 80; Dame Sheila Quinn, former nursing adviser, British Red Cross Society, 78; Major-General Sir Roy Redgrave, 73; Lord Ryder of Eaton Hastings, 82; Mrs Steve Shirley, founder, F1 Group, 65; Professor Lord Walton of Detchant, 76.

Company of Chartered Architects

The following have been installed officers of the Company of Chartered Architects for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr John Penton; Upper Warden, Professor Peter Dale; Renter Warden, Lady Stewart; Junior Warden, Mr Michael West.

Douai Abbey

Father Prior and the Community of Douai Abbey, Woolhampton, are pleased to announce that Father Geoffrey Scott, OSB, has been elected 10th Abbot of Douai.

Dinner

Ambassador of Hungary

Mr Gabor Szentiványi, Ambassador of Hungary, was the host at a dinner held last night at the Hungarian Embassy, in honour of Sir Sigmund Sternberg, winner of the 1998 Templeton Prize.

Sir David English

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir David English will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London, at noon on Thursday, October 15. Those wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets to: Mrs Ina Miller, Room 630, Northcliffe House, 2 Derry Street, London W8 5TT, enclosing a self-addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted on October 7.

The Wyndham Place Trust

Mrs Judy Keep has been appointed Executive Secretary of the Wyndham Place Trust. Address for correspondence: Copper Beeches, Gough Road, Fleet, Hampshire, GU13 8LL. Tel: 01252 812642. Email: j.keep@btinternet.com

Greater London Lieutenancy

Major Rosemary Grace Warne has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London.

Latest wills

The Right Rev Trevor **Huddleston**, chairman of the International Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa, left estate valued at £87,283 net.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Henry V, reigned 1413-22, Monmouth, 1387; Francis Parkman, historian, Boston, Massachusetts, 1823; Andrew Bonar Law, Prime Minister 1922-23, Kingston, Kent County, New Brunswick, 1858; Alfred Noyes, poet, Wolverhampton, 1880; Nadia Boulanger, conductor and music teacher, Paris, 1887; Sir Alexander Korda, film producer, Pusztaturpaszto, Hungary, 1893.

DEATHS: Tomas de Torquemada, Head of the Holy Office of the Inquisition, Avila, Spain, 1498; John Colet, theologian, Sheen, Surrey, 1519; Gabriel Fahrenheit, physicist, The Hague, 1736; Louis XVIII, King of France in name 1795-1824, Paris, 1824; Edward Pusey, theologian, leader of the Oxford Movement, Ascot Priory, 1882; Edward Whymper, mountaineer and wood engraver, Chamonix, 1911; Sir Thomas Lauder Brunton, physician, London, 1916; Sir Ronald Ross, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1902, London, 1932; Silas K. Hocking, novelist and preacher, Highgate, 1935; Sir James Jeans, astronomer and mathematician, Dorking, Surrey, 1946; Sir George Stapledon, pioneer of grassland science, 1960; Maria Callas, soprano, Paris, 1977; Marc Bolan, rock musician, Barnes Common, London, 1977; Jean Piaget, child psychologist, Geneva, 1980.

The *Mayflower* set sail from Plymouth with the Pilgrim Fathers, led by Myles Standish, 1620.

The Post Office Savings Bank established, 1861.

Grasses set off bold colours of autumn show

BY ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ORNAMENTAL grasses are coming into their own. Many exhibitors at the Royal Horticultural Society's Great Autumn Show are using them to set off strongly coloured autumnal flowers.

Several other nurseries are showing grasses only, mostly in flower, such as *Pennisetum setaceum* with tawny pink bottlebrush flowers on the stand of Cottage Garden Plants, of Cuckfield, West Sussex. Its *P. macrourum* is notable for bristly buff flower spikes and was awarded a gold medal.

Among other perennials at the show, which opened yesterday, is a display of gentians from D'Arcy and Everest, of Somersham, Cambridgeshire, which includes a new pink-flowered gentian from Japan named "Toki Rindo".

Rarely is a collection of herbaceous clematis seen at a show, but Sherston Parva Nursery, of Sherston, Wiltshire, has included several climbing kinds, such as *Clematis aromatica* with freely produced deep red-purple flowers which age to blue. Making its debut on the stand of the Botanic Nursery, of Atworth, Wiltshire, is a new herbaceous clematis, *C. heracleifolia* "Roundway Bluebird", with dark blue flowers the shape and scent of hyacinths.

Sam Oldham, of Wellington, Somerset, is setting the autumn scene with a display of chrysanthemums. Among the usual autumnal shades is a collection of green cultivars: lime-green spider types, and various white cultivars with green centres.

Among the exhibitors of trees and shrubs, which are barely starting to show autumn leaf tints, is Norfields, of Usk, Gwent, featuring rare and unusual kinds, including *Franklinia alatamaha*, a native of eastern North America but extinct in the wild. Named after Benjamin Franklin, this tree has red leaf tints in autumn but needs a warm summer to produce its fragrant white bowl-shaped flowers.

Among the many exhibits of bulbous plants is a gold-medal display of miniature cyclamen from Ashwood Nurseries, of Kingswinford, West Midlands. Among species from the National Collection are different forms of *Cyclamen hederifolium*.

Another gold medallist, Avon Bulbs, of Mid Lambrook, Somerset, is featuring its own *Amaryllis* Galaxy hybrids whose attractively veined flowers in soft pink shades are hyacinth scented.

Broadleigh Gardens, of Bishops Hull, Somerset, is showing the ultra-large blue lily, *Agapanthus* "Blue Moon". A late-flowering cultivar, it extends the agapanthus season by a month.

Among the fruit and vegetable displays, Ken Muir, of Weeley Heath, Essex, is featuring Minarette apple trees laden with ripe fruits. These slender columnar trees are ideal for tubs and small gardens. The RHS Garden, Wisley, is showing a peppers, cherry tomatoes and courgettes from the current trials.

The show is strong on exotic plants. Vacherot & Lecoufle, of Boissey, St Leger, France, have staged a dazzling display of hybrid orchids.

Other exhibitors awarded gold medals are: Aylett Nurseries, of London Colney, Herts (dahlias); Burncoose Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall (ornamental trees and shrubs); Goldbrook Plants, of Hoxne, Suffolk (hostas); Hampshire Carnivorous Plants, of West End, Southampton (carnivorous and foliage plants); Peter J Smith, of Ashington, W Sussex (alstroemerias); and Southfield Nurseries, of Morton, Lincs (cacti and other succulents).

The show, in the Horticultural Halls, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

ALAN WELLER





The gold-medal winning dahlias of Aylett Nurseries and, below, an amaryllis hybrid by Avon Bulbs

How the poets captured war's huge grief

John Young on an exhibition that focuses on First World War poets

THE original manuscript of Lawrence Binyon's poem, *For the Fallen*, together with Sir Edward Elgar's annotated proof score of its musical setting, will be on display at an exhibition opening at the Imperial War Museum on Friday to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Almost all the best-known war poets will be represented: Wilfred Owen by his medals, the drafts of four of his poems including *Anthem for Doomed Youth* and a letter to his cousin, Leslie Gunston, describing his first meeting with Siegfried Sassoon. With them will be the notebook in which Sir Benjamin Britten inscribed the poems by Owen he used as part of the text of his *War Requiem*.

Sassoon himself will be commemorated by a letter sent from Craiglockhart War Hospital, known to its inmates as Dottyville, where the first attempts were made to rehabilitate men suffering from shell shock; and by a report on his mental condition by the neurologist, Captain W.H.R. Rivers. Also on display will be Isaac Rosenberg's drafts of his poems, *Returning, We Hear the Larks* and *Break of Day in the Trenches*, as well as manuscripts by Edward Thomas, Robert Graves, Ivan Gurney and Edmund Blunden.

Other exhibits will include the handwritten draft of R.C. Sherriff's play *Journey's End*, one of the most enduring dramas of this century; paintings by Paul Nash, C.R.W. Nevinson and William Roberts; drawings by Henry Tonks of disfigured soldiers; and wild flowers picked by the artist William Orpen on the Western Front. With them will be hundreds of diaries and letters, some of them the last to be sent by servicemen to their families before they were killed.

Another last letter is from a woman, Nurse Edith Cavell, who was executed by a German firing squad in Belgium in 1915 for helping Allied troops to escape from behind enemy lines. Visitors will be able to see the Victoria Cross won by Private Sidney Frank Godley, the first such award to a private soldier in the war; and costumes and designs for Joan Littlewood's original production of *Oh! What a Lovely War*.

The exhibition will also include a gilt wreath laid by Kaiser Wilhelm II on the tomb of Saladin in Damascus in 1898 and later brought back to Britain by Lawrence of Arabia, who presented it to the nation to mark the Armistice. It went on show two years later at the museum's original premises at the Crystal Palace, in South London.

Dr Christopher Dowling, keeper of museum services, said the exhibition would provide an opportunity to display items from its own collection which were not normally on show, with those that had been lent by individuals and organisations. Although the number of people who remembered the events of 1914-18 was steadily diminishing, public interest was greater than ever. "Record numbers of people are visiting the battlefields and cemeteries from both this country and overseas," he said. "We recently organised a scheme to take teachers on visits, which has been over-subscribed.

"This is not a heavyweight historical exhibition. It is more suggestive of a great drama and tragedy, with a strong emphasis on the poetry of the era, in which there seems to be great interest. For those with relatives who died, there will be interactive videos to enable them to discover from the records of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission where their forebears are buried or commemorated."

Angela Godwin, the exhibition organiser, said she hoped visitors would be drawn in particular to *Pale Armistice*, a funeral wreath composed of gloves and lilies, created by the artist Rosanne Hawksley in memory of her grandmother who was left a widow with six children. "It seems to me to symbolise all the huge grief of the time," she said.

The First World War Remembered will be open daily 10am to 6pm from Friday to December 28.



The poets recalled: Lawrence Binyon, Siegfried Sassoon, Robert Graves and Edward Thomas

Forthcoming marriages

Dr R.D. Baird and Miss S.P. Hughson

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Baird, of Stoke Bishop, Bristol, and Sylvie, daughter of Dr and Mrs David Hughson, of Rothesay Terrace, Edinburgh.

Mr M.P.A. Bass and Miss P. Chong

The engagement is announced between Michael, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Bass, of Thorpe Hamlet, Norwich, and Pauline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Chong, of Singapore.

Mr D.F.Q. Blackden and Miss E.V. Larotonda

The engagement is announced between Damian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Mark Blackden, of Mayfield, East Sussex, and Erminia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Domenico Antonio Larotonda, of Stamford Hill, London.

Mr M.D.C. Grose and Miss S.V. Garcia-Olmo

The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs David Grose, of Thurlestone, Devon, and Stephanie, daughter of Mr Martin Garcia-Olmo, of Thurlestone, Devon, and Mrs Karen Garcia-Olmo, of Harbertonford, Devon.

Mr E.Q. Hobbs and Miss L.M. Howard

The engagement is announced between Edward Quincey, younger son of Mr and Mrs Quincey Hobbs, of Westbury-on-Severn, Gloucestershire, and Lucy Mariabella, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Howard, of Bisley, Gloucestershire.

Mr D.T. Jeffrey and Miss S. Bagchi

The engagement is announced between David Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Jeffrey, of Derbyshire, and Susmita, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Barin Bagchi, of London.

Mr M.G.F. Lupton and Miss R.J. Orde-Powlett

The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Lupton, of Twickenham, and Rosamund, elder daughter of the Hon Christopher and Mrs Orde-Powlett, of Little Chesterford, Essex.

Mr R. Miles and Miss L. Macdonald

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs David Miles, of London, and Lisabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Macdonald of Tote, the Isle of Skye.

Mr B.G. Peerless and Miss J.C. Oldale

The engagement is announced between Bartholomew, son of the late Mr Trevor Peerless and of Mrs Peerless, of Danehill, Sussex, and Justine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Oldale, of Eversley, Hampshire.

Mr G.W. Pennock and Miss B. Çinar

The engagement is announced between George, son of the Hon David and Mrs Pennock, of Hurst Green, Sussex, and Burcu, daughter of Dr and Mrs Unver Çinar, of Wassenaar, The Netherlands.

Dr T.J. Shaw and Miss K.J. Skidmore

The engagement is announced between Timothy, elder son of Mr and Mrs Martin Shaw, of Norwich, and Katrina, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Dick Skidmore, of North Wootton, Somerset.

Mr R. Stanley and Miss H. Mann

The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mrs Jean Follows, of Horsforth, Leeds, and Mr Richard Stanley, of Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria, and Harriet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Laurance Mann, of Grove Farm House, Great Doddington, Northamptonshire.

Mr P.H. Thwaites and Miss R. Aird

The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Thwaites, of Newick, East Sussex, and Rebecca, elder daughter of Sir John and Lady Aird, of Evenlode, Gloucestershire.

Mr T.P. Wilson and Miss E.J. Borrell

The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Wilson, of Godalming, Surrey, and Emma, daughter of Mr Clive Borrell, of Haslemere, Surrey, and Mrs Julia Rusby, of Godalming, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr K. Borton and Miss N. Robertson

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 5, at the Church of St Nicholas, Oakley, Suffolk, of Mr Kenneth Borton, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Borton, to Miss Nicola Robertson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Robertson. The Rev Derrick Stevenson officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Georgia Day, Lottie Forbes Adam and Georgia Williams. Mr James Borton was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr R.S. White and Miss I. de Wouters d'Oplinter

The marriage took place on September 10, 1998, in Chelsea, between Mr Roger White, son of the late Mr Marc White, of Washington DC, and of Mrs Beatrice Levine, of Connecticut, USA, to Miss Isabelle de Wouters d'Oplinter, daughter of Baron de Wouters d'Oplinter and Mrs Eleonora van Maasdijk, of Fulham, London.

Leeds Grammar School

Term commenced on September 8 with Mr Bryan Collins entering his last year in the headship, with the school in its second year on the new Alwoodley Gates site. James Harrison is Head of School for the Michaelmas Term and Robert Manson is Captain of Rugby. The Old Leodiensian (Leeds) Dinner will be at Crag Lane on Friday, October 2. Open Morning for prospective pupils and their parents will be on Saturday, October 3. The Remembrance Service will be on Sunday, November 8, in the School Hall at 10.30am (OLs welcome). The Speech Day ceremony will be in Leeds Town Hall on Tuesday, November 17.

Church of Scotland

Appointments

Inductions

The Rev John P. L. Munro, to Kilmross; the Rev Mathida Wilson, to Dysart; the Rev Bruce Gardiner, to St Ninian's, Turriff and Forglen.

Translations

The Rev John M. Wilson, from Bolton and Saltoun with Humble with Yester to Altnaharra and Farr. The Rev Jean B. Montgomerie, from Kelman Memorial, Peterculter to St Margaret's, Forfar.

Retirements

The Rev Colin V. Donaldson, from Ormiston with Pencaitland; the Rev Maini Byers, from Jura; the Rev Graeme Brown, from Birsay with Rousay; the Rev Hugh MacKay, from Duns; the Rev William M. Alexander, from Berriedale and Dunbeath with Latheron.

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BARING-On September 11th to Marianne and Edward, a daughter, Emily Sarah.

BUCHANAN - McKEOWN - On September 12th at The Portland Hospital to Lynda and Jim, a son, Max James. A brother for Luke.

CAMPBELL SLIGHT - On Monday August 31st 1998 to Camilla Sandars and Jonathan, a son, Hugo Thomas Alexander.

CLIFF - On September 9th, to Veronica (née Brown) and Alexander, a son Freddie Thomas Talbot.

DEASY - On September 9th 1998 to Henrietta (née Wright) and Neil. Twin sons (William and Guy) brothers for Thomas and Oliver.

DORNONVILLE de la COUR - see Freeman.

DUVAUCHELLE - On September 11th at The Portland Hospital to Emma and Marc, a son, Julius Louis, a brother for Antaeus.

FLASHMAN - On September 11th 1998 to Judith and David, a daughter, Olivia Judith Eleanor, a sister for Felicity and Harriet.

FORECAST - On September 9th at The Portland Hospital to Julia (née Pashley) and David, a son, Charlie Joe.

FREEMAN - On Saturday August 29th 1998, to Annette Dornonville de la Cour and Simon, a daughter, Jessica Benedikte, a sister for Amelia.

GOUGH - On September 14th to Sarah and Jonathan, a daughter, Olivia Annabel, a sister for Antonia.

HILL-BROOKES - On 10th September 1998 to Debbie and Damian a son Benjamin.

BIRTHS

SCOTT - On September 12th 1998 to Andrea (née Mortimer) and Simon, a son, Stephen Robert.

THOMPSON - On 1st September 1998, to Rebecca (née Hewitt) and Edward, a son, a brother for Kitty, Alice, Harriet and Alexander.

UNDERWOOD - On September 8th 1998 to Ann and Jonathan, a son, Oscar Ernest Digby.

DEATHS

ADAMS - Commander Charles Poynder Adams, D.S.C., M.B.E., R.N., peacefully on 10th September at Winchester Hospital. Beloved husband of the late Alison and then the late Oriana, father, step-father and grandfather. Celebration for Charles at Aldershot Crematorium on Monday 21st September at 12 noon and afterwards at Privett. Enquiries to JNO Steel & Son. 01962 844044.

ANDREAE - Virginia June suddenly in her sleep on September 13th at home in Sandbanks, Poole. Widow of John, much loved mother of Simon, Giles, Hugo and Tobyn, and devoted grandmother of Flinn and Jacob. A private funeral will be held in Poole followed by a memorial service in London at a date to be announced. No flowers. Donations if desired for Sargent Cancer Care for Children, may be sent to Tapper Funeral Service 32/34 Parkstone Road, Poole.

BEATTIE - Charles Noel Beattie, born 4th November 1913, peacefully in Shropshire on Saturday 12th September 1998. A Funeral Service will be held at Clachan Cemetery, Loch Broom, Ullapool, on Monday 21st September at 3pm. All friends invited. Flowers to be sent to Lecknelm Estate, Loch Broom, Ullapool, Wester Ross or to the Funeral Directors; John Fraser & Son, 17/29 Chapel Street, Inverness.

BOASE - Raymond Tregarthen (Garth), aged 81, at New Hall Hospital Salisbury, on Sunday 13th September 1998. Funeral service at The Catholic Chapel, New Wardour Castle, near Tisbury, Wiltshire on Tuesday 22nd September at 2.00pm, followed by cremation. Flowers to I.N. Newman Ltd. Funeral Directors, Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury SP1 1HL. Tel:01722 413136

DIX-LEWIS - On 15th September 1998, at home in Moffat, Scotland, Anthony Brian Dix-Lewis R.I.P., formerly of Viareggio Italy, much loved husband of Susan Dickinson, dear father of Nicola and Philip and grandfather of Natasha. Requiem Mass at St. Lukes Church, Moffat on Monday 21st September at 2.00pm, interment thereafter in Moffat Cemetery. All friends respectfully invited to attend. Memorial donations may be given at church if desired for the High Street Surgery, Moffat, or may be sent to A W Jardine Funeral Directors, 17 Crossiaw Burn, Moffat, Dumfriesshire.

GILL - Peter, aged 68 years died on Friday September 11th 1998, ex GLC, Croydon and Merton member. A celebration of his life will be at home at 1pm for all family and friends, followed by funeral service at Croydon Crematorium on Wednesday September 23rd at 3pm. Enquiries to J B Shakespeare Ltd 0181 688 1447

HARDIE - John Mungo Wilson of Hawick, Edinburgh and Spain, suddenly at East Surrey Hospital on 11th September 1998 aged 78. Dear husband of Katharine, father of David, Alison and Andrew and grandfather. Funeral at Crawley Crematorium, Friday 18th September, 1.00pm. Family flowers only please, donations if wished to Salvation Army.

HOBSON - Sweyn M.B., CH.B., B.Sc. in his 94th year. Beloved, loving and incomparable husband of Joan, father of Ann & John. He fought the aftermath of a heart attack for 6 years with fortitude and good humour but lost the battle on 3rd September 1998. Private funeral followed by cremation. No flowers please but donations if desired to Ward B3 West, Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry. C/o Co-Operative Funeral Service, 11 Lower Holyhead Road, Coventry. Tel:01203 225826.

HUME - Helen died tragically on August 15th, South of France. Much loved mother of Ian and Nick and widow of John. Funeral September 23rd 2pm, Golders Green Crematorium. Donations, if wished, to British Heart Foundation.

LOVATT - Michael Gerald, in hospital at Chichester on September 12th 1998. Adored husband of Cynthia and beloved father to Sean and Paul. Formerly from Bandon, County Cork, Ireland and latterly West Wittering, West Sussex.

McFARLANE - Jean, died peacefully at home on Friday 11th September 1998, aged 90. Will be sadly missed by relatives, friends and those who remember her valiant work for the Red Cross and her distinguished lacrosse career. Funeral Service at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Thursday 24th September at 12.00 noon. Flowers may be sent to E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1SD. Tel: 01892 522462.

McINTOSH - On Sunday September 13th 1998 peacefully at Hays House Nursing Home near Shaftsbury, Dorset, Nancy aged 82 years. Formerly of Bricket Wood, Herts, East Knoyle, Wilts and Gillingham, Dorset. Sister of the late Alick and Jack and much loved by the family. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, East Knoyle on Wednesday September 23rd at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for the Stroke Association may be sent to Bracher Brothers F/D, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QL. Tel: 01747 822494

MITCHELL - W.E.W. (Eric), On September 12th 1998, peacefully in Bexhill-on-Sea, aged 88 years. Dearly beloved husband of Nan, and a much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Cremation private.

MOORE - Revd. Dr W.T.S. Moore (Bill) on 12th September, peacefully at home. Husband of the late Penelope, father to the late Elizabeth, Tom, the late Sarah and Michael. Funeral Service at St. John the Baptist, Sbedfield on Saturday, 19th September at 12.00 noon followed by private cremation. No flowers. Donations to the British Kidney Patient Association c/o Thomas Plak & Son, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1AN. 01489 892640.

NORRIE - Mavis, on September 14th. Adored wife of Ian and beloved mother of Amanda and Jessica. Cremation, noon September 19th, Golders Green. No flowers. Donations to North London Hospice.

OWEN - John Hoseltine Guy, on Sunday 13th September 1998, very suddenly in church, adored husband of Rosemary, most dearly loved father of Crispin, Iolanthe, Patrick and Annabel, and loving brother and grandfather. Funeral Service on Wednesday 23rd September at St. Dunstan's Church, Mayfield, at 2.00pm. Family flowers only but donations if wished to: The Brian Johnson Memorial Trust, 71 Baker Street London W1M 1AH.

PEMBERTON - On Monday September 14th 1998 peacefully at Hays House Nursing Home near Shaftsbury, Dorset, Barbara, devoted wife of the late Lieutenant Colonel John Boileau Pemberton 14th/ 20th King's Hussars, mother of Andrew and the late Joey and grandmother of Charles, Sophie, Sally, Edward and Alice. Thanksgiving Service at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Cerne Abbas, Dorset on Tuesday September 29th at 3pm. Flowers may be sent to Bracher Brothers F/D, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QL. Tel: 01747 822494

PENRUDDOCKE - Peacefully on September 14th, Thomas Beresford Penruddocke of Tonbridge. Father of Annabel and Charles. Funeral Service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Wednesday September 23rd at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, payable to "Hospice in the Weald" c/o Abbey Funeral Services, 173 High Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1BX. Tel: 01732 360328

QUICK - Gwendoline Grace, peacefully at the Old Deanery Nursing Home, Bocking on September 12th aged 89 years. The Funeral Service will take place at Chelmsford Crematorium, South Chapel on Monday September 21st at 2.00pm. No flowers please, but donations may be made for National Advertising Benevolent Society through W.C. Brown and Sons, 7 Manor Street, Braintree, CM7 3HW Tel: 01376 320582/583264.

STEPHENSON - On September 14th in the care and tranquility of St Catherine's Hospice and surrounded by his family Frederick Alexander, aged 80 years, family doctor, beloved of Chris his wife, Emma, Kate, Simon and Polly his children. Proud and devoted Poppa to Robert and Nathan and brother of Dick. Service to be held at St Hilda's Church, West Cliff, Whitby on Monday September 21st at 1.30pm, followed at his wish by a celebration of his life at home. Everyone welcome. Donations to St Hilda's Church (Restoration Fund) as was his request. "A good man and a true friend". Enquiries to J Corner Funeral Service. Tel: 01947 880424

TAMPIN - Michael Patrick died suddenly on 12th September 1998 aged 50. Devoted and much loved husband of Patricia, adored father of Victoria, Clare and Mark and dearly loved sister of Maureen. Funeral service Friday 18th September at 2pm, at The Parish Church Of St. Mary, Church Road, Long Ditton, Surrey followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to British Heart Foundation C/o Frederick Paine Funeral Directors, 265 Ewell Road, Surbiton, Surrey. KT6 7AA.

TUNNELL - Wendy (née Packard), peacefully but suddenly at home on Thursday 10th September 1998. Wife of the late John Tunnell, mother of Jonathan, Philippa and William. A Funeral Service will be held at Mortonhall Crematorium, Main Chapel, Howden Hall Road, Liberton, Edinburgh, on Thursday 17th September at 3.00pm. Family flowers only please, any donations will be gratefully received by the Young Musicians Trust c/o Adam & Co 22 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, EH2 4DF. Tel: 0131 2258484.

VAN CARRAPIETT - née Birkin, Pamela Elizabeth, dearly loved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, died suddenly at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on 12th September 1998. Requiem Mass, 1.00pm Tuesday 22nd September, St. Barnabas Church, Bexhill-on-Sea. Bright colours to be worn, please, and wild/garden flowers only, or donations if desired to St. Barnabas Church Restoration Fund, or Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o Mummery Funeral Directors, 31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 1AH.

WATIONS - On 12th September, Colin Morgan. Beloved husband of June, father of Nicola. Funeral Service, St. Giles Church, Risby, Suffolk, Monday 21st September at 12 noon. For further details phone L. Fulcher 01284 754049.

WETHERELL - Dr. Alan Marmaduke F.R.S., September 13th, aged 65 years after a short illness in Geneva. Much loved husband of Linda, father of Sebastian, father-in-law of Isabelle, grandfather of Adrian and step-father of Emma, Alexander and Nick. Funeral on Thursday September 17th at 2.00pm at The Crematorium St. George, Geneva.

WOOD - Eileen, died peacefully 13th September, aged 76. Humanist Funeral Service scheduled for 3.00 Tuesday 22nd September at West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium and afterwards at The Restaurant at Golders Green Crematorium. No flowers please but donations may sent to: Trinity Hospice, 30 Clapham Common North Side, London SW4 0RN.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MARKS - Lord Marks and his sisters will be holding a family Memorial Service for their late father at the West London Synagogue on Friday October 16th at 11.30am. Admission will be by ticket only. For those who have not yet been contacted and who would like to attend, please apply in writing to The Company Secretary, Marks and Spencer, Michael House, Baker Street, London W1A 1DN.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

DUNN - Richard Johann, CBE. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Richard Dunn will be held at the Church of St. Martin in the Fields, St. Martin's Lane, London, at 3.00pm on Monday 16th November, 1998. Enquiries to Jo Corsan, Pearson Television, 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 1PJ. (0171 691 6449).

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SCOTT - of Gala. In constant and loving memory of Christopher especially today our Golden Wedding Anniversary - Anne.

MARRIAGES

STEVENS-ANDERSON - The marriage took place on September 14th 1998 at Pangbourne-on-Thames, Berkshire of Mr Walter R Stevens and Mrs Lorna C. Anderson.

BIRTHDAYS

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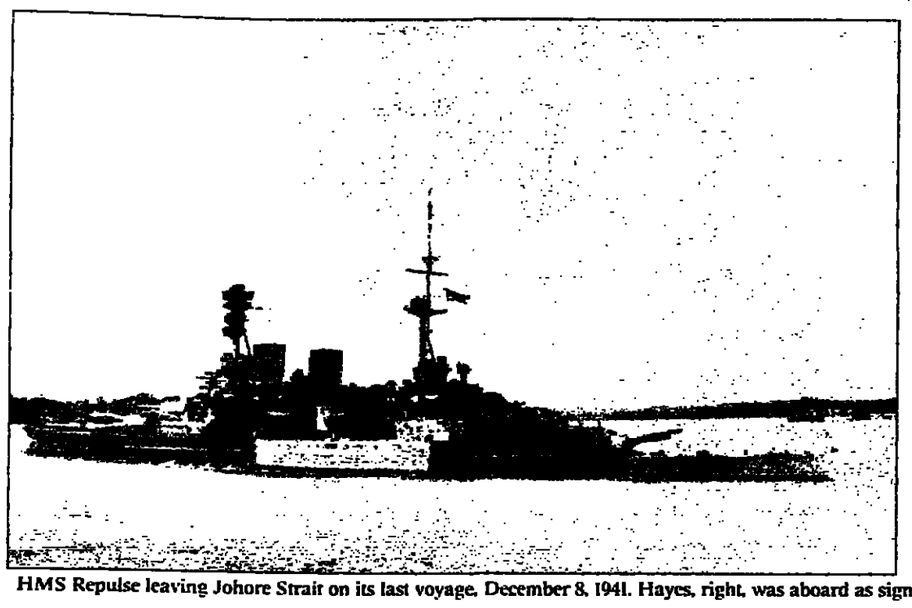
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OBITUARIES

VICE-ADMIRAL SIR JOHN HAYES





HMS Repulse leaving Johore Strait on its last voyage, December 8, 1941. Hayes, right, was aboard as signals officer, and lucky to survive her sinking

Vice-Admiral Sir John Hayes, KCB, OBE, Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, 1966-68, died on September 7 aged 85. He was born in Bermuda on May 9, 1913.

In an adventurous career afloat, John Hayes was at the heart of two melancholy episodes endured by the Royal Navy during the Second World War. As signals officer of *HMS Repulse*, he was among the survivors of the sinking of the battlecruiser and the battleship *Prince of Wales*, when the two capital ships were eliminated from the Far East naval equation by Japanese aircraft in the opening days of the Malayan campaign. Later, while on Arctic convoys, he was a close witness to the events which led to the catastrophe which befell Convoy PQ17. His written record of events was part of the evidence in a libel suit later brought by the convoy escort commander against the author David Irving.

The son of an Army doctor, John Osler Chattock Hayes (always known as "Joe" from these initials) spent much of his childhood in Bermuda before joining the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth in 1926. Undersized until reaching the age of 17, Hayes passed an inconspicuous four years in an environment which, with its at-the-double discipline, cold baths and compulsory sport, out-spartaned Sparta. A love of music that was to last a lifetime seemed slightly eccentric: solitary instrumental practice periods did not fit easily into the energetic timetable.

He survived life in the midshipmens' gunroom of the battleship *Royal Oak* in the spit-and-polish Mediterranean Fleet, but was then able to enjoy the magic of the China Station as it was in the halcyon days of the mid-1930s in the cruiser *Cumberland*.

He was next in the West Indies, then the Persian Gulf in the sloop *Fowey*, supporting Britain's diplomacy amid the Trucial States. As well as navigating in these notoriously shallow and reef-infested waters, he was also the ship's Accounting Officer, being paid an extra 2s 6d a day for the privilege of being courtmartialled should his accounts not be in order. It was said that more navigators suffered this way than through the grounding of their ships.

The outbreak of war sent him to the ancient cruiser *Cairo*, protecting the East Coast collier convoys upon which London, in those days, depended. A serious strain-induced deterioration in his eyesight sent him ashore in early 1940, but the Admiralty later relented and, fatefully, Hayes found himself aboard the battlecruiser *Repulse*.

With the threat posed by Japan in the autumn of 1941 she was sent with the battleship *Prince of Wales* to Singapore, where, in a forlorn effort to prevent the capture of Malayan airfields, the two ships were sailed to the north-east where they soon came under air attack.

As Signals Officer, Hayes was on the upper deck abaft the bridge, where he had a terrifying view of the preliminary high-level bombing attacks — which hit one of the boiler rooms — and the subsequent waves of torpedo-bombers approaching at low level. Despite brilliant shiphandling by Captain Tennant, *Repulse* was hit by four torpedoes and sank in eight minutes with the loss of 500 lives. Hayes's movements "were then dictated by gravity ... bouncing off the red-hot funnel ... the flag lockers which were now awash ... and so overboard helplessly and down for what seemed a long time". Dazed and blackened with fuel oil, he watched the *Prince of Wales* also sink, and was then picked up by the destroyer *Electra* and returned to Singapore.

Assigned to the operational staff, Hayes liaised with the Army in the evacuation of Johore, his exit over the causeway making him the last free Briton on the Malayan mainland for some years. After several adventures he was taken to Batavia in the cruiser *Jupiter* as Singapore fell; both *Electra* and *Jupiter* were subsequently sunk in the Battle of the Java Sea. A nerve-racking voyage to Ceylon in a slow Dutch inter-island coaster was followed by a troopship to Liverpool.

He was next appointed Operations Officer to Admiral Hamilton, commanding the First Cruiser Squadron and escorting Arctic convoys to Russia. Hayes was intimately involved in the events which led to the catastrophe that befell Convoy PQ17. When ordered to scatter by a First Sea Lord mistakenly fearful that the battleship *Tirpitz* was on the loose, two thirds of its ships were sunk. Hayes's pencilled report of the proceedings, flown to his C-in-C by Walrus amphibian in order to preserve radio silence, was later used as evidence in the libel suit brought by Captain Broome, the escort force commander, against David Irving's 1968 book *The Destruction of Convoy PQ17* — an account, according to Hayes, that contained "vicious fabrication".

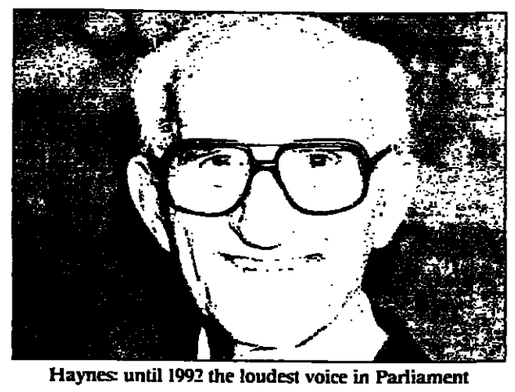
Hayes's war ended in the Mediterranean on the staff of the C-in-C based in Malta, with a satisfying involvement in the liberation of Greece and its rescue from communism. After the war Hayes was promoted early to captain and appointed to command of the frigates on the South Africa station. But recurrent eyesight problems deprived him of his chance to command a large ship and he considered himself highly fortunate to make rear-admiral in 1962, and even luckier to be appointed second-in-command of all Western Fleet ships at sea in 1964.

His final post was Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, from which he retired in 1968. He was Lord- Lieutenant of Ross and Cromarty, Skye and Lochalsh, 1977-88. His autobiography, *Face The Music* (1991), unconsciously paints a portrait of a sensitive, deep-thinking man with a strong sense of history, able to illuminate with a skilful and affectionate pen the spirit of the sailors he knew so well.

He is survived by his wife Rosalind, their two sons and one daughter.

FRANK HAYNES

Frank Haynes, Labour MP for Ashfield, 1979-92, died on September 11 aged 72. He was born on March 4, 1926.



Haynes: until 1992 the loudest voice in Parliament

FRANK HAYNES was a Cockney coalminer, an unusual combination, but even more unusual was his relationship with Margaret Thatcher. When Lady Thatcher was Conservative Prime Minister he was known as her favourite Labour MP. He was also noted for having the loudest voice in the Commons. Matthew Parris once wrote that when the Speaker called Frank Haynes, the patients in St Thomas' Hospital across the river turned off their televisions and listened to him instead.

David Francis Haynes was brought up in poverty. His father was often unemployed and Haynes remembered newspapers serving as tablecloths and shoes lined with cardboard so that he could go to school. His father was loading mailbags on the railway when he died: Haynes was only 15. The widow was left with five children and no breadwinner. Haynes contributed as much as he could, working first in a small factory and then rising to be fireman on the old Southern Railway with the intention of becoming an engine driver.

At 18, with the war coming to an end, Haynes was conscripted and hoped to join the Forces. Instead, he became a Bevin Boy, directed to work in the Nottinghamshire coalmines. Haynes left his London home and faced the shock of descending into the pits with a winding machine operator intent on giving the southern conscripts as fast and rough a ride as possible. But Haynes developed a lasting affection for the mines and the workers. He married a local girl, and while most Bevin Boys, and indeed many miners, could hardly wait to leave the pits, he stayed on. The National Union of Mineworkers became his home. He was a member for 40 years, a branch official for more than 20. Clipstone Colliery, where he went as a Bevin boy in 1944, remained his workplace until 1979.

The miners reciprocated his feeling for them. They elected him first to Mansfield District Council, then to Nottinghamshire County Council and eventually to the Commons. When David Marquand, the sitting MP for Ashfield, decided to leave the seat in 1977 in favour of a job with Roy Jenkins at the European Commission, Haynes was chosen to fill his place. But Marquand's resignation was unpopular and so, too, was the Labour Government. Haynes, defending a majority of 22,915, lost the seat to a Tory by 264 votes (on the same day Austen Mitchell successfully held the far more marginal seat of Grimsby by a margin of 520). But the miners stuck by Haynes as he had stuck by them and, deciding no blame attached to him, they re-adopted him. He won back the seat in 1979, by nearly 8,000, and held it comfortably for the rest of his parliamentary career. He decided not to seek re-election in 1992.

His relationship with Margaret Thatcher started when he occupied a prominent position during Prime Minister's Questions over a period of ten weeks. She appeared fascinated with the person she referred to as "the Honourable Member with the booming voice". In return, he called her "ducky". After consultation with her front bench, she said: "Mr Speaker, I understand that is an endearing remark." Whether it was intended to be endearing or not, the two struck up an enduring friendship. Haynes certainly got favourable treatment for his constituents from her on more than one occasion.

In the House he was a stout defender of the miners, the National Health Service and such traditional English features as the sausage. His even-handedness towards the breakaway Union of Democratic Miners cost him his NUM sponsorship in 1986.

He married in 1948 Vera Lancaster. She survives him with their son and two daughters.

ROBIN DILKS



Robin Dilks, radio journalist, died of a heart attack on August 12 aged 48. He was born on October 19, 1949.

A MAN of great integrity and independence of spirit, Robin Dilks made his reputation as United Nations correspondent for the World Service of the BBC in the mid-1980s.

It was a reputation he went on to enhance later in the decade, when he served as the BBCs correspondent in Latin America.

In the first post he demonstrated that the UN in New York could be a source of fascinating stories — and he brought them to listeners with verve and energy. In the second he developed a deep knowledge of, and affection for, a complex and still often little understood region, and this stood him in good stead in his last post, back in London, as senior editor for the Americas Region of the World Service.

Robin Dilks was educated at Manchester Grammar School, where he developed an undying loyalty to Manchester City — one that endured even when times were lean for the club (which they frequently were). From there he went to Oxford, after which he joined the BBC as a news trainee in 1973. He progressed to become UK Affairs Correspondent for the World Service and from that post, in 1984, went to New York as UN correspondent.

In New York his great gift was, first, to make the sometimes Byzantine politics of the UN intelligible to the BBC's listeners. His second — and a perhaps even more considerable one — was to make them not only interesting, but occasionally highly intriguing. A completely individualistic character himself, he could bring unusual slants to stories which might, in other hands, have become simply descriptions of the workings of bureaucracy.

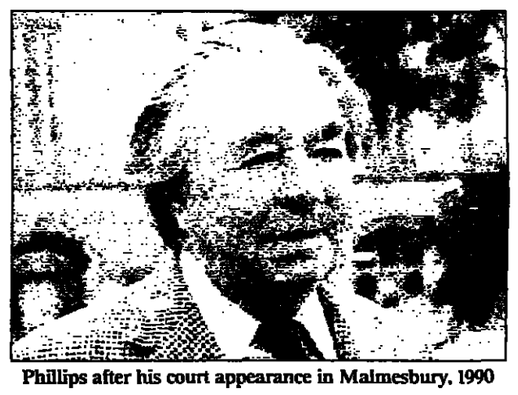
In 1986 he was appointed Latin America correspondent, establishing a new BBC office in São Paulo. For the next four years he shed much light on this often neglected but important part of the world. When he returned to London to become senior editor of the Americas Region of the World Service, the profound knowledge he had acquired in months of indefatigable travelling, from the tropical Gulf of Venezuela to the frostier parts of southern Chile and Argentina, was apparent in everything he did.

He was an indefatigable proselytiser for the region both inside and outside the BBC. At the same time he had a dry wit that prevented his enthusiasms from ever sounding ridiculous.

Just as it seemed that he was destined never to become a father, Robin Dilks learnt earlier this year that his partner, Liz, herself a long-serving World Service hand, had become pregnant and was due to give birth in October. At the time of his shockingly sudden death, he was actively discussing ways of cutting his arduous workload and long hours so as to be able to spend more time with her and their child.

MAJOR PETER PHILLIPS

Major Peter Phillips, MC, father of Captain Mark Phillips and former father-in-law of the Princess Royal, died on September 12 aged 78. He was born on July 26, 1920.



Phillips after his court appearance in Malmesbury, 1990

THE lives of Major Peter Phillips and his wife would almost certainly never have entered the public domain had it not been for the connection with the Royal Family which came about through the 1973 marriage of their son, Mark, to Princess Anne. Before the publicity which burst about his ears when the engagement was announced in the summer of 1973, Peter Phillips's ambitions had been relatively modest ones. Descended from several generations of Midlands mining engineers, he had served with credit as a cavalry officer in the Second World War and was afterwards involved in his family's quarrying interests. He was also a meat purchasing director of Walls, the sausage manufacturers, and for some years reared mink.

At the time of his son's engagement he bravely asserted that "nothing would change" to alter the retired and uncourtly state in which he and his family lived. He conducted himself throughout with dignity and modesty, but he lived to see his son's marriage to a royal princess break down, to lose his wife through illness at no great age, to suffer losses at Lloyd's, and to experience years of loneliness and poor health.

Peter William Garside Phillips was the son of Joseph Herbert Phillips, a mining engineer of Oldbury Grange, Warwickshire, and Dorothea Mary Land, the daughter of a quarry owner. During the Second World War he served with the 1st King's Dragoon Guards with whom he won the Military Cross during the Italian campaign. In 1946 he married Anne Patricia Tiarks. She was the daughter of Brigadier John Gerhard Edward Tiarks, who was subsequently ADC to King George VI from 1947 to 1950, Colonel of the 1st King's Dragoon Guards, and Master of Foxhounds of the Staff College Hounds; he was later killed while hunting.

After the war Major Phillips worked for the Walls meat combine, where, as purchasing director he was responsible for the ingredients of its sausages, pork pies, black puddings and other meat products. His family also owned a controlling interest in Jee's Hartshill, a Warwickshire quarrying company near Nuneaton. He was chairman for three years until July 1972 when the quarry was sold to Tarmac Roadstone. He also took a keen interest in the mink farm which his wife ran at their farmhouse at Great Somerford, Wiltshire.

Perhaps feeling that these activities was incompatible with the royal connection, the Phillips family relinquished both the mink farm and the Walls directorship within a few years of their son's marriage. Major Phillips had received a large sum for his sale of the family quarrying interests, so no financial hardship was involved. .

Thereafter he neither sought nor often made the headlines. But when, on August 31, 1989, what had been suspected for some time was officially announced, namely that Captain Phillips and the Princess Royal had agreed to a legal separation, Peter Phillips again found himself briefly in the limelight. Beyond expressing "great sadness", he refused to be drawn.

In July 1988 Major Phillips's wife, Anne, died of kidney failure, after spending several weeks in a coma. She was only 62 and her death affected him deeply. After that, and the separation of his son and daughter-in-law, he lived a somewhat reclusive life at Great Somerton. He briefly made the news columns again in June 1990 when he was banned from driving for two years and fined £60 by Malmesbury magistrates after a conviction for drink-driving.

The incident, as it emerged in evidence at the court hearing, tended to emphasise that he led a lonely and somewhat melancholy existence. Losses at Lloyd's of London added to his woes, and his last years were marred by severe ill-health. He suffered a number of strokes and in 1993 had to leave his country house, first for a cottage near his son's farm, and finally for a Gloucestershire nursing home.

His son and daughter survive him.

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THE GREAT ST. LEGER

Even Doncaster feels the change that has come over the racing world, and the grand sport once enjoyed on its famous moor is fast becoming traditional. Yesterday the racing could not be considered up to the once high mark of the September meeting, and to-day there were only five events on the card.

We do not quarrel with this arrangement, but still it exhibits a woeful falling off, while fields of twos and threes unmistakably show that our greatest fixtures are affected by that plethora of racing with which the last few years have over-whelmed us. The evil will probably work, and, indeed, is already working, its own cure, but at the cost of much that genuine sportsmen regard with a feeling akin to veneration.

If a lot of second-class meetings were erased from the Calendar, only their promoters would lament the disappearance; but it is a real misfortune, from a Turf point of view, when such gatherings as Goodwood, York and Doncaster show signs of decline. The almost insane passion for racing, which scarcely leaves a blank day from early February to late November, has told its tale.

People would come to Doncaster to see if the Leger really was the "match" it is so often said to be reduced to. Often as the scene has been described, we think that which the road from the town to the course on the Leger morning presents is one of the most remarkable we know. It is the unbroken, business-like stream of humanity, which, commencing at what early hour we know not, only ceases a short time before the great race comes off — that is the speciality of Doncaster, and it was all there this morning.

Walking with the mass, keeping its measured tread and listening to the one topic of its talk, gives one always a fresh sensation, for there is nothing like it to be seen anywhere else. A heavy shower fell about noon, but the afternoon was, with the exception of one storm, brilliantly fine, with distant objects distinctly visible — a great point on a racecourse; and the stands, public and private, the space reserved for carriages, were all occupied as of yore, and we could see no diminution in the attendance of either gentle or simple.

Perhaps the cause that brought this vast assemblage together was hardly worthy of it. The Leger has really looked so like a match for some time past, and as the time drew nigh the idea that there were only two in it became so confirmed that, except for the question as to which was the best, speculation was dull.

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For all the talk of a match (between two) the odds-on favourite was unplaced, while the winner, Pero Gomez, was said to stand "too upright to please". Too much racing was the report's message.

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■ Tony Blair lined up with the Bank of England Governor to deliver a double warning to the unions that economic policy would stay unchanged and interest rates could not yet be cut.

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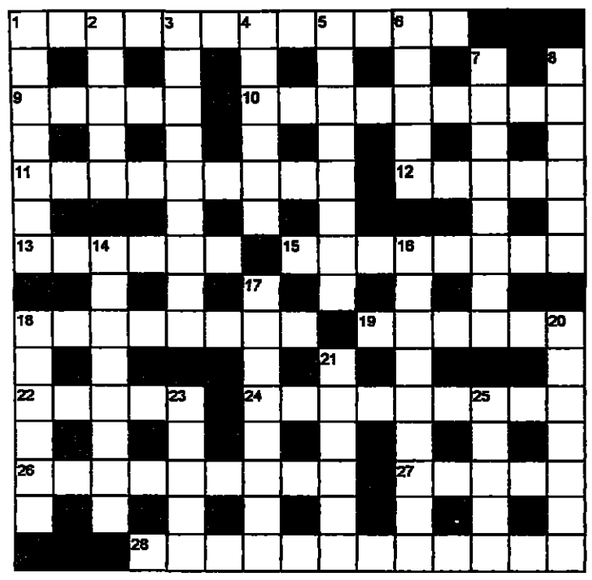
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6 Struggle to get away, having wife to support (5).
7 Severely criticise university residence block in speech (8).
8 Crop that's past its best — not much money in it (6).
14 Attempt that almost succeeds, under teacher's eye, perhaps (4,4).
16 After many adventures, he finally emerged from wood (9).
17 Post not going to solicitor (4,4).
18 Grab a few notes (6).
20 Attendant raising fear, in two ways (7).
21 Exploit to one's advantage entertainment being performed (4,2).
23 Doctor attends playwright that's not ill — what a skiver! (5).
25 Pale yellow flower (5).

☐ *This crossword was solved within 30 minutes by 51% of the contestants in the London A Regional Final of the 1998 Times Crossword Championship*

Solution to Puzzle No 20,897

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** northern England windy with sunny spells and passing showers. Rest of England and Wales will have sunny spells and the odd shower, mainly towards western coasts. Very blustery and cold in Scotland, with gales in the north and rain for most parts, the rain heavy and steady for a spell in many areas. Cool in N Ireland with sunny spells and a few showers.

☐ **London, SE, Cent S England, Midlands:** sunny spells and the odd shower. Light to mod W to NW wind. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **E Anglia:** sunny spells. Moderate to fresh W to NW wind. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **E, Cent N, NE England:** windy, some sunshine and passing showers. Fresh to strong W to NW wnd. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Channel Is, SW England:** sunny spells and the odd shower. Light to moderate westerly wind. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Wales, NW England, Lakes, IoM:** sunny spells and passing showers. Moderate to fresh NW wind. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow:** blustery showers. Strong W to NW wind. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll:** wet and windy. Strong to gale-force W to NW wind. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** showery. Variable wind becoming fresh north to northeast. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **N Ireland:** some sunshine, a few showers. Mod NW wind. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Republic of Ireland:** mostly dry, sunny spells; light showers in west. Cloudier later. Mod or fresh W wind. Max 19C (66F)

☐ **Outlook:** less windy tomorrow, the odd shower in the east, rain in N Ireland. Rain in England on Friday morning, then warmer, with sunny spells and showers in north.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

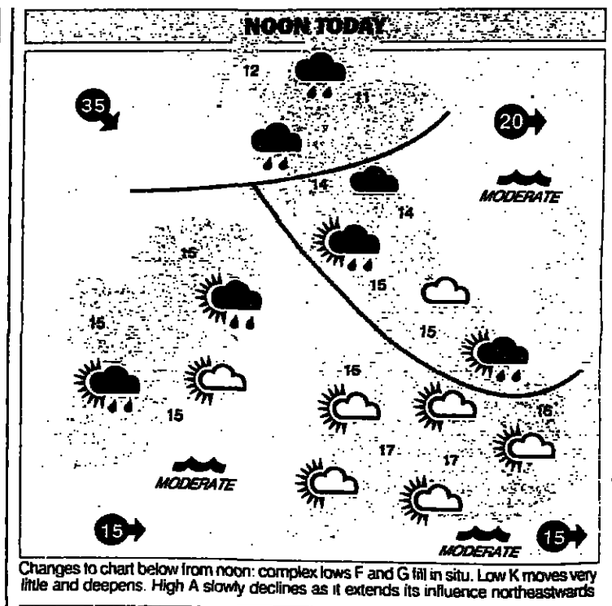
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Anglesey	0.9	0.06	16	61	sh	Kinloss	4.3	0.01	14	57	b
Aspatria	1.3	0.06	13	55	d	Leeds	1.5	0.01	15	59	r
Awemore	5.9	0.02	13	55	sh	Lerwick	2.6	0.05	11	52	sh
Belfast	1.3	0.06	13	55	b	Leuchars	7.4	-	16	61	s
Birmingham	1.2	0.03	18	64	d	London	1.2	0.06	18	64	r
Bognor R	2.9	0.15	19	66	r	Lowestoft	2.9	0.01	15	59	d
Bournem'th	3.8	0.12	20	68	b	Manchester	0.3	0.01	15	59	d
Bristol	3.3	0.04	19	66	d	Margate	1.4	0.04	17	63	r
Buxton	0.5	0.02	13	55	c	Morecambe	1.1	0.03	13	55	r
Cardiff	X	0.09	19	66	b	Newcastle	1.6	0.01	13	55	r
Clacton	X	0.01	14	57	c	Norwich	1.8	0.01	15	59	d
Cleethorpes	2.2	0.01	16	61	c	Oxford	1.6	0.03	19	66	sh
Cromer	2.7	0.01	15	59	b	Penzance	5.5	0.29	X	X	b
Dunbar	6.8	-	15	59	s	Poole	3.5	0.09	21	70	b
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Edinburgh	3.0	0.01	15	59	sh	Ross on Wye	3.7	0.01	20	68	b
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Folkestone	2.8	0.10	17	63	r	Shrewsbury	0.8	0.05	17	63	r
Glasgow	3.0	0.04	13	55	sh	Southend	1.0	0.02	18	64	d
Guernsey	1.8	0.32	19	66	c	Southport	X	0.02	15	59	d
Hastings	2.0	0.09	18	64	r	Southsea	1.2	0.05	20	68	b
Hayling I.	1.4	0.15	20	68	sh	Stornoway	3.3	0.08	12	54	sh
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Isle of Man	0.5	0.07	13	55	d	Tiree	4.5	0.06	14	57	sh
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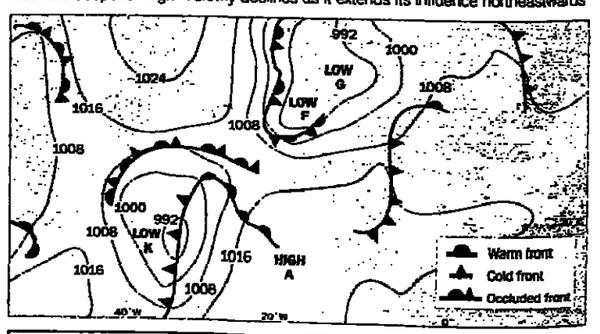
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Algiers	27	81	f	Dublin	14	57	c	Malta	31	88	s
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Bahrain	37	99	s	Florence	21	70	f	Miami	31	88	s
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Barbados	27	81	r	Funchal	24	75	c	Montreal	20	68	s
Barcelona	29	72	s	Geneva	13	55	f	Moscow	21	70	s
Beijing	23	73	c	Gibraltar	29	84	s	Munich	11	52	f
Beirut	28	82	f	Helsinki	19	66	s	N Delhi	31	88	f
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								Salzburg	11	52	f
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								Valencia	29	84	f
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								Warsaw	15	59	f
								Wash'ton	33	91	f
								Wel'ngton	13	55	X
								Zurich	11	52	f

Temperatures at midday local time on Monday X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: complex lows F and G fill in situ. Low K moves very little and deepens. High A slowly declines as it extends its influence northeastwards



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Aberdeen	10:20	3.7	22:40	3.8
Avonmouth	3:12	10.3	15:49	10.8
Boston	7:42	3.1	19:55	3.3
Cardiff	2:58	9.7	15:35	10.1
Devonport	1:57	4.5	14:30	4.7
Dover	7:37	5.6	20:16	5.7
Dublin	8:13	3.7	20:46	3.9
Falmouth	1:28	4.3	14:01	4.5
Greenock	9:07	3.0	21:10	3.1
Harwich	8:03	4.4	20:47	3.8
Holyhead	7:12	4.7	19:39	5.0
Hull (Albert D)	2:33	7.4	15:21	7.5
Ilfracombe	2:16	7.3	14:52	7.6
King's Lynn	2:37	5.3	15:31	5.5

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Leith	11:24	4.8	23:52	4.9
Liverpool	7:46	7.8	20:19	8.2
London Bridge	9:56	6.1	22:40	6.4
Lowestoft	5:45	2.3	18:54	2.3
Margate	8:09	4.1	21:02	4.3
Milford Haven	2:34	5.4	15:11	5.7
Newquay	1:33	5.5	14:09	5.8
Oban	3:03	3.1	15:39	3.3
Penzance	1:00	4.4	13:36	4.7
Portland	3:00	1.3	15:26	1.5
Portsmouth	8:12	4.1	20:33	4.1
Shoreham	7:42	5.3	20:13	5.3
Southampton	7:27	4.0	19:57	4.1
Swansea	2:26	7.6	15:04	7.8
Tees	-	-	12:37	4.8
Walton-On-Naze	8:03	3.6	20:42	3.8

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Torquay, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Spadeadam, Cumbria, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Loch Glencamoch, Highland, 0.35in; highest sunshine: Leuchars, Fife, 7.4hr

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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16 1998

Institutions aim to apply brakes to proposed move to US

LucasVarity investors to rebel



Rice: based in the US

BY PAUL DURMAN

UK shareholders in LucasVarity are unhappy about the brake systems group's plans to turn itself into a US company and may be prepared to block the move.

Some institutions are sceptical that LucasVarity needs to make the switch — quitting the FTSE 100 index in the process — in order to take part in the consolidation in the auto components industry. Setting out its plans last week, LucasVarity complained that it felt constrained by the reluctance among UK investors to allow their companies to take on the high level of borrowings that have become familiar in the US.

LucasVarity expects to issue the document setting out the detail of its change of domicile in about a fortnight's time. The move requires the support of three-quarters of the shareholders who vote, either in person or by proxy, at a meeting to be held in November.

Richard Regan, head of investments at the Association of British Insurers, which represents many of the largest investors in the UK stock market, said: "There is considerable disquiet that they intend to change domicile. One must await their document to see what advantages they are going to claim will come from this, but they are going to have to be pretty convincing."

Some investors believe that Victor Rice, LucasVarity's British-born but American-based chief executive, wants to move to take advantage of the more generous level of US salaries and stock option awards. This was dismissed as "absolute rubbish" by Nick Jones, a LucasVarity spokesman. He said Mr Rice had already made significant sums of money from his long career in the US.

Another concern is that the move to the US will mean that Varity, previously run by Mr Rice, will have captured control of the former Lucas Industries without paying a premium to the UK group's shareholders. One senior investment executive said: "Lucas shareholders did not invest in a company which they thought was going to be subject to the very different culture in the US."

LucasVarity believes one of the reasons it was unable to compete to acquire the brakes business of ITT, recently sold to Continental for $1.9 billion (£1.4 billion), was the negative view of highly borrowed companies taken by UK investors.

However, having received £803 million for VarityPerkins, the diesel engine business sold to Caterpillar of the US at the end of last year, LucasVarity currently has net cash. One leading fund manager said: "They're hardly strapped for cash, are they? Perhaps they want to buy General Motors."

He added: "I think it's disappointing that they find it necessary to be based in the US rather than the UK. Their belief that they can't finance an acquisition here — that disappoints me as a representative of the financial community and a shareholder of LucasVarity."

Investors are also sceptical of LucasVarity's claim that its cost of capital is 30 per cent higher than that of its US peers. Some suggest that its calculation does not take account of the greater risk associated with high borrowings.

LucasVarity believes that it ranked second in the world in auto components when it was formed from the merger two years ago. However, it has already slipped back to eighth place as highly acquisitive companies such as Federal Mogul have overtaken it. It is proposed that shareholders will receive one share in the new LucasVarity Corporation for every ten they now own. The shares were 5½p lower at 194p yesterday.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	5281.7	(+13.1)
Yield	3.12%	
FTSE All Share	2444.89	(+3.33)
Nikkei	Closed	
New York:		
Dow Jones	7951.01	(+5.66)*
S&P Composite	1028.71	(-1.01)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5½%	(5½%)
Long bond	104⅛	(104-)
Yield	5.23%*	(5.23%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	7⅛%	(7⅛%)
Life long gilt future (Dec)	114.03	(113.58)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6743*	(1.6790)
London:		
$	1.6738	(1.6768)
DM	2.8237	(2.8557)
FFr	9.4575	(9.5746)
SFr	2.3314	(2.3547)
Yen	222.19	(223.10)
£ Index	102.1	(103.0)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.6890*	(1.6870)
FFr	5.6613*	(5.6890)
SFr	1.3934*	(1.3993)
Yen	133.20*	(132.40)
$ Index	108.9	(109.5)

Tokyo close Yen 132.62

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day(Dec)	$13.70	(n/a)

GOLD

London close $290.75 ($289.95)

* denotes midday trading prices

Budgens halts talks

Budgens has broken off takeover talks with Booker, leaving the cash-and-carry and food distribution group to find a new chief executive and go it alone. Page 23

Tanked up

Alvis and GKN yesterday laid out the terms to merge their armoured vehicle business — increasing pressure on Vickers to find a partner for its own battle tank arm. Page 22

Chancellor hints at G7 desire for lower rates

BY JANET BUSH AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

GORDON BROWN yesterday hinted broadly that interest rates in America and Britain are set to fall as part of the Group of Seven's new emphasis on promoting growth in the troubled world economy.

This was despite indications by Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, addressing the TUC, that there would not be a cut in interest rates in the near future.

The City, though, appeared to believe the Chancellor, who has no direct influence on interest rates, rather than the Governor, who does.

The pound slumped more than 3 pfennigs to close at DM2.8235 as the City digested good inflation figures which were bang in line with the Bank of England's 2.5 per cent inflation target.

In a briefing shortly before he flew to Tokyo yesterday for talks with the Japanese Finance Minister, the Central Bank Governor and the head of Japan's economic planning agency, Mr Brown re-emphasised the new perception that the balance of risks to the world economy had moved from inflation to lack of growth.

Without being drawn on interest rates in individual G7 countries, he highlighted recent statements both by Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the US Federal Reserve, and last week by the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee. He welcomed the MPC's statement that it was now taking account of the deteriorating conditions in the world economy and said that it proved that the MPC was not immune to international developments.

Mr Brown said that Monday night's G7 statement was the result of intensive private telephone calls between finance ministers and emphasised the statement was part of a process that will involve more discussions in Tokyo today, leading up to a full meeting of G7 finance ministers and central bank governors in Washington on October 3.

It is also expected that tonight Mr Brown will signal a volte face in the International Monetary Fund's position on limited capital controls for countries at the early stages of development. The Chancellor said that he would be referring to this issue in a speech he will make in Tokyo tonight to Japanese bankers.

Inflation fell to its target measure in August, raising City hopes that the Bank of England will begin to consider a cut in interest rates.

Underlying inflation, which excludes mortgage interest payments, slipped from 2.6 per cent to 2.5 per cent — the first time it has hit the Government's target measure since January.

Headline inflation eased from 3.5 per cent to 3.3 per cent, raising hopes that pay inflation might also begin to drop back.

DAN CHUNG/REUTERS



Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, addressed the Trades Union Congress yesterday. He said the fight against inflation was paramount. TUC reports, page 22

Microsoft passes GE to become US largest

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

ON THE DAY that it was accused of tampering with evidence, Microsoft has surpassed GE to become America's biggest company with a market value of $262 billion (£156 billion).

An obstruction of justice charge would be a first for Bill Gates's software house and could result in executives being sent to prison. Any charges may also become part of the Government's anti-trust case.

The company denied new allegations that it destroyed documents relevant to the Justice Department case. Such an act would constitute a criminal offence of obstruction of justice. Microsoft said it handed over 1.3 million pages of evidence.

The allegations originated from a former Microsoft employee who testified in a separate case against the company. According to the suit, Microsoft deleted files about dealings at its offices in Germany between 1991 and 1993.

There have also been separate claims that Microsoft deleted e-mails connected to the anti-trust suit in the run-up to the filing of charges in May. The suit concerns the company's efforts to reach a dominant position in the Internet browser market and attempts to defend the dominance of its computer operating system.

It was news of a three-week delay to the trial of the anti-trust case that provided the impetus Microsoft needed to overtake GE. The software company was not hit as hard by recent market turmoil as GE, which operates in more cyclical markets, including aero-engines and consumer appliances.

GE briefly breached the $300 billion mark this summer before its market value declined amid worries that Asian customers were cancelling orders.

The anti-trust trial concerning Microsoft's business practises has so far failed to dent the company's performance relative to its peers in the computer sector.

The trial was delayed by three weeks after the company and the Justice Department both asked for more time. Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson will start taking evidence on October 15.

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Cortecs helicopter to go as loss deepens

BY PAUL DURMAN

CORTECS, the drug development company, is to sell the helicopter that was one example of the lavish lifestyle enjoyed by Glen Travers, who was forced from the chairmanship in June over an expenses controversy.

Mr Travers is now suing Cortecs for about £1.5 million, including rights to £200,000 or so of annual benefits that included school fees, plane tickets and membership of a business high-flyers organisation. Mr Travers has previously said that the company helicopter was widely used by other senior executives.

Shares in Cortecs fell a further 13 per cent, to 51½p, yesterday when the company reported disappointing regulatory feedback on its osteoporosis drug, Macritonin.

The Finnish regulatory agency has told Cortecs that it is not prepared to approve Macritonin on the basis of the data submitted and wants to wait until bone mineral density data is available. This could take 18 months or more.

It would be a serious blow to Cortecs if other nations took a similar view on Macritonin. Investors had hoped that the drug might receive some marketing approvals this year.

Michael Flynn, acting chief executive, said that Cortecs had always expected that some regulators to be tough, but it is optimistic that others will be willing to give approval. The company has just appointed Laphal Laboratories as its marketing partner for France, a deal that could generate $11.5 million (£7 million) in sales and milestone payments.

Lord Patten, the former Conservative minister John Patten, who has taken over as Cortecs chairman, is promising transparent and "hype-free" communications to address shareholder worries about the biotech sector. In this vein, the company said that it has no plans for a cash call to replenish its £28.3 million funds.

Cortecs lost £18 million (£11.7 million loss) in the year to June, partly reflecting provisions connected with Mr Travers's departure. Research and development spending rose by £5.2 million, to £16.7 million.

Coal rescue plans hit by backlash

NEW moves to rescue the coal industry ran into controversy yesterday as large industrial energy users and the gas industry turned on the Department of Trade and Industry (Christine Buckley writes).

The backlash came after *The Times* revealed that Peter Mandelson, the Trade and Industry Secretary, had met Richard Budge, chief executive of RJB Mining, to discuss help for the industry.

The Energy Intensive Users Group yesterday wrote to John Battle, the Energy Minister, demanding a price cap on the generators. Lisa Waters, policy adviser with the group, said: "We would be concerned about any government action that would further bump up the price of electricity."

Judge criticises Chinese walls

BY RICHARD MILES

CHINESE WALLS — measures adopted by big companies to protect client confidentiality — do not work, a High Court judge said yesterday in a case brought against KPMG, the accountancy firm, by Prince Jefri, younger brother of the Sultan of Brunei.

After acting for Prince Jefri in a different case, KPMG was asked to conduct a financial investigation — code-named Project Gemma — for the Brunei Investment Agency, which the prince headed until his removal earlier this year.

Mr Justice Pumfrey said that it was "absolutely plain" that the investigation would touch on serious allegations about the prince and that information communicated by him to KPMG "may well be relevant to those allegations". Ordering KPMG to halt work on the investigation immediately, Mr Justice Pumfrey said the courts were generally sceptical about the efficacy of Chinese walls to keep a client's affairs confidential where there was a conflict of professional interest. "I share that scepticism," he said.

The judge added: "I am firmly of the view that the former client should not be exposed to the risk of inadvertent or careless or negligent disclosure unless there are powerful reasons for saying that he should, and I do not detect any such reasons in the present case."

The ruling is likely to unsettle accountants, legal firms and investment banks, which rely heavily on Chinese walls. KPMG said it would appeal.

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TRADES UNION CONGRESS AT BLACKPOOL

Blunkett reveals help for jobless

DAVID BLUNKETT yesterday tried to reassure trade unionists that the Government would help out in areas worst hit by job losses as he announced a £38m deal to retrain redundant and unskilled workers.

The Secretary of State for Education and Employment also disclosed that the Government would set up a £5m rapid response fund to which regions could bid for extra cash if there were large-scale job losses in the next few months.

Mr Blunkett adopted a more conciliatory tone than John Prescott had the previous day when addressing the TUC as he underlined the need for partnership between the unions and the Government.

However, unions were bitterly disappointed about the scale of help for the jobless when it emerged that the Government was only providing £5m in new money and the remaining £33m for regional development agencies would be redeployed in each of the next three years, from other areas of training.

Tony Blair will give further details of the emergency fund today, after a meeting at the Fujitsu factory in his constituency, but regional development agencies will be able to put bids together with help from local firms, trade unions, Tecs, further education colleges and universities, for instant help for retraining. Universities and colleges would be given extra cash payments if they took on workers for reskilling.

Mr Blunkett received a polite but cool reception after insisting that there was a middle way between direct government intervention to bail out industry and the free market policy of doing nothing.

"The Government is not going to change the economic profile or policies, nor should we expect determinism that nothing should be done. We should intervene, but in a different way," he said.

Congress challenges Blair to live on £3.60

TONY and Cherie Blair were yesterday urged to try to live on the minimum wage of £3.60 an hour as unions demanded the level should be at least £5 a hour.

Two of Britain's biggest unions stepped up their calls for the pay level to be lifted as Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of Unison, the public service union, told congress that he defied the Prime Minister and his wife "to try to live for six months on that rate, let alone for a lifetime and be happy and content".

To cheers he said that although he was proud a minimum wage was finally going to be law "part of me is outraged that at the close of the 20th century we still won't pay a decent living wage".

Mr Bickerstaffe, who has many members who earn less than the proposed minimum level, said £3.60 an hour "is not enough for food, for clothing, for rent. It is not enough for a night out or to give the kids a treat". The Unison chief said £3.60 marked a retreat and that the lower rate of £3 for younger workers meant that young people were being "short-changed".

Bill Morris, general secretary of the T&GWU, said the people's verdict on the minimum wage could be summed up as "thank you for the principle, shame about the rate". He told delegates: "To those who continue to lecture us about pay restraint, Rodney was right when he said you try living on £3.60 an hour. You will be living in poverty."

The TUC is committed to negotiating a minimum level of £4 an hour in pay negotiations but it is now under pressure to revise that figure up to £5. Mr Bickerstaffe said: "Before long no worker should have less than £5 an hour negotiated by unions." Mr Morris backed that figure.

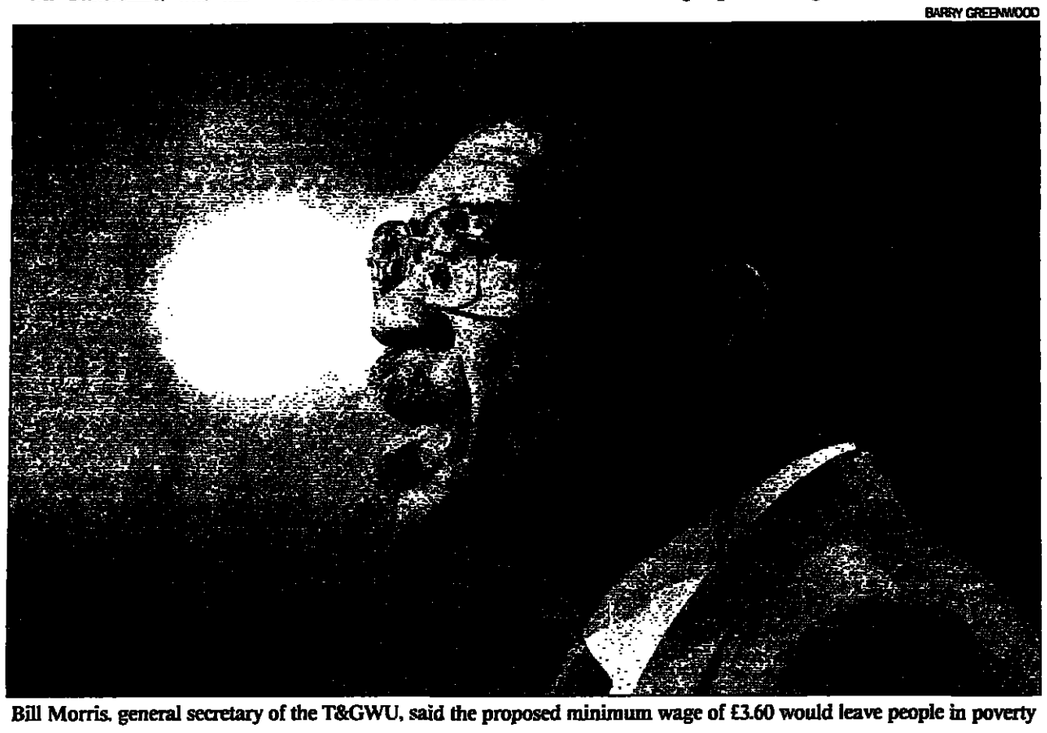
However, calls for a £5-an-hour minimum wage incensed employers' groups. Ruth Lea, head of policy at the Institute of Directors, said: "A minimum wage at £5 would be a substantial job destroyer. Only yesterday these people were going on to John Prescott about job losses. What do they think such a level would do? Do they have no idea about markets or economics."

A spokesman for the Confederation of British Industry said: "We are not going to see the impact of the minimum wage until 18 months down the line. A minimum wage at a higher figure would have a negative impact on inflation and jobs."

Professor George Bain, chairman of the Low Pay Commission, which set the level of the minimum wage and is responsible for reviewing it, told the congress that he stood by his report. He said while the level did not satisfy everyone, it marked a big breakthrough.

John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC, said the minimum wage was one of the "genuine milestones in British industrial relations". But he said the union movement would urge that the rate be increased. He said: "We will be pressing the case again and again."

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Minister urges recruiting drive

IAN MCCARTNEY, the Industry Minister, pressed unions to stop harking back to the past and to put their efforts into recruiting members.

At a fringe meeting on Fairness at Work, Mr McCartney said: "Membership is declining. Just blaming it on Thatcherism is not good enough. She has gone and we are still here." He said that unions had to tackle the problem of only one in three workers being a member of a union while 75 per cent of people say that they support unions.

Mr McCartney, whose responsibilities include employment law and the minimum wage, said unions needed to target the service sector where very few workers were union members. His appeal comes as the movement is desperately trying to reverse sliding membership rolls. Numbers have continued to fall despite the election of a Labour Government and now stand at 6.8 million or 30 per cent of the workforce.

Mr McCartney spoke alongside Ross Dunn, a director of the cement producer Blue Circle Industries, in an initiative to promote more partnership between employers and workers. He said companies had to realise that their most important "assets" were their workforces and that they had to work out new ways of managing those assets.

Mr Dunn said partnerships between companies and employees depended on a trust that was often difficult to achieve. He said that when Blue Circle began a partnership more than ten years ago both sides knew what they wanted from the other side but did not necessarily know what they should offer in return.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Waddington sale to close two factories

LOWE & BONAR has agreed to pay £67.5 million in cash for Waddington's carton division, in a deal which will result in 200 redundancies in Swindon and Merseyside. The deal will provide 20 per cent of the UK market for cardboard food wrappings and a factory in The Netherlands. It will also make the company Europe's fifth-largest carton producer. Jim Heilig, the chief executive of Lowe & Bonar, intends to close Waddington's factories in Speke, near Liverpool, and in Swindon — moving production to its own half-utilised plant in Leeds. This will cost £7 million, mainly in payoffs, but Mr Heilig expects the changes to save the company £3 million next year and £6 million the year after that. He estimated the deal will eventually enhance earnings by 3p a share.

Waddington will use the money to bolster its three remaining businesses, and has ruled out making another outright acquisition. It had placed its carton division on the auction block three months ago, and told its bankers to sell to the highest bidder. The acquisition will be put to Lowe & Bonar shareholders on October 13. Shares of Lowe & Bonar added 4p to 205p yesterday and Waddington's rose 9p to 236p.

Alumasc's profits slip

ALUMASC, the engineering and building products company, yesterday reported its first profits downturn for nine years — blaming the strength of sterling and low demand in the public sector. Shares in Alumasc rose by 1p, to 135p, yesterday as the company said that it was making strong progress in rectifying the problems that knocked its pre-tax profits down to £9.58 million, from £14.8 million, in the year to June 30. The results were in line with City expectations. Earnings per share were 17.9p, down from 25.3p. A final dividend of 6.05p holds the total payout at 8.5p.

Hunting in the market

HUNTING, the oil and defence specialist, said yesterday that it was looking acquisitions after raising more than £50 million through a series of disposals. Underlying profits rose to £22.8m (£20.9 million) at the halfway stage. Ken Miller, chief executive, said this was encouraging given the 25 per cent fall in oil prices over the year. Its defence division submitted a bid to run the Army's new communications system, and expects a result shortly. After a £3.6 million loss on the sale of its Cargo Airlines business, headline earnings dropped to 7p (8.7p) per share. An unchanged dividend of 3p is due on November 17.

Investment trust hit

THE FIRST RUSSIAN FRONTIERS investment trust revealed the extent of its suffering on the East European stock markets when it declared first-half capital losses of $51 million (£31 million) — more than its current value on the London stock market. Shares in the investment trust peaked last November at £17.82 but have since fallen below £3.50 as investors lost confidence in the markets. Pictet Asset Management, the trust's manager, said it had reduced the Russian equities exposure to 38 per cent. In spite of the enormous losses, Pictet took a first-half management fee of £1.68 million.

Unilever unit for sale

UNILEVER, the Anglo-Dutch consumer goods company, is considering selling its DeGoede-Broer unit, which makes and supplies bakery products in the Benelux region. DeGoede-Broer, which employs 100 people, is a part of Hartog Unie, itself a unit of Unilever Belgium. Unilever said producing the likes of pre-baked goods and tart bases was not part of its core activities. "Unilever is looking for an eventual bidder with better prospects for developing the product range of DeGoede-Broer," Unilever announced in a statement. It added there would be no substantial job losses as a result of a deal.

S Jerome under offer

ALAN JEROME, chairman and chief executive of S Jerome, is to make £245,000 in cash after accepting a £6.3 million takeover bid from rival Worthington. The Yorkshire textiles company has recommended a 45p-a-share bid. It represents a 33 per cent premium to Monday's closing price. John Taylor, who became managing director last October, will make £166,000 from selling his shares. Worthington is only slightly larger than Jerome, but its market capitalisation is five times larger. A cash-and-shares alternative is worth 53.5p a share. Jerome shares rose 11½p to 45p yesterday; Worthington's fell 1p to 60½p.

Compel still bullish

COMPEL GROUP, the information technology services company, yesterday reported a 78 per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £5.1 million to £9 million, while sales rose 88 per cent from £112 million to £210 million. Earnings per share rose 33 per cent from 16.4p to 21.8p, and a total dividend of 6.3p, up from 5.4p, will be paid on November 4. Neville Davis, chairman and chief executive, said: "The market remains healthy and we believe that it will continue to grow for the foreseeable future. Our businesses are strong and we believe they will continue to increase their share of this growing market."

Co-op Bank to offer Isa through stores

BY RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

CO-OPERATIVE BANK pledged yesterday to offer the individual savings account (Isa), the Government's controversial tax-free investment plan, through Co-op stores from April.

Even though the bank has concerns about the timing of the Isa's launch, Mervyn Pedelty, chief executive, believes he can reach between seven and ten million people through the varied outlets of the Co-operative movement.

His stance is in marked contrast to other retailers, most notably supermarket chains Tesco and J Sainsbury, which have threatened to spurn the Isa unless the Treasury revises the terms of its original proposals.

Mr Pedelty, who chairs the financial services committee of the Co-op movement, said the bank was teaming up with Co-operative Insurance Services to offer both maxi and mini-versions of the Isa through supermarkets and other stores.

"The industry would have preferred a little bit longer to prepare for the Isa, but we will be there in April," Mr Pedelty said, adding that the bank was unlikely to provide the life assurance element because it was capped at £1,000.

The bank, wholly owned by the Co-operative Wholesale Society, is engaged in a number of joint ventures with other parts of the movement, including a trial to put automatic tellers into convenience stores run by independent societies in northwest England and Leeds.

Half-year pre-tax profits at the bank rose 22 per cent to £40.2 million. Although staff costs edged up 0.5 per cent and other costs increased 6 per cent principally because of year 2000 expenses, the bank's cost:income ratio fell below 70 per cent for the first time.

Lending rose 15 per cent, reflecting a 30 per cent growth in personal lending, while the corporate sector remained flat. Bad debts jumped 38 per cent, but Co-op Bank said trouble loans still consisted of just 1.3 per cent of total lending.

Co-op Bank also announced a pilot project to place desk-top automatic tellers in its convenience stores to serve isolated and remote communities.

Anna Murdoch leaves board of News Corp

RUPERT MURDOCH's estranged wife is leaving the board of directors of The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*.

Anna Murdoch, who filed for divorce in July, has been a non-executive director of News Corp since 1990. Her retirement was announced in News Corp's 1998 annual report.

When news of the couple's separation broke in April, News Corp said that Mrs Murdoch would remain a director of the company.

"Anna's support has been enormously helpful to me in what I must admit is a demanding and turbulent career," Mr Murdoch wrote in the annual report.

"Her contribution to News Corp notably includes, but goes far beyond, our three children. Elisabeth, Lachlan and James, all now working in the company and making significant contributions."

Mrs Murdoch, 54, cited irreconcilable differences in filing for divorce.

Scotia falls as shares are sold

BY PAUL DURMAN

SHARES in Scotia Holdings, the drug development company, collapsed by 14 per cent to 162½p as David Horrobin, its former chief executive, and another large shareholder offloaded more than 2 million shares.

The unidentified investor sold 1.4 million shares at 120p — a big discount to yesterday's opening price of 189p. Dr Horrobin, the company's founder who left earlier this year after a row, sold 940,000 shares held for Wimberley Investments, a company that he controls for an undisclosed price. Dr Horrobin still has 12.2 million shares, representing a 15.7 per cent stake.

Scotia shares traded above 700p last year before it announced it was unable to secure marketing approval for Tarabetic, a drug to treat the nerve damage associated with diabetes.

Rob Dow, formerly with Roche, has taken over as chief executive and has cut back the company's previously diverse range of research to concentrate on cancer.

Scotia encountered another setback when tests revealed its treatment for breast pain seemed to be no better than a placebo.

GKN-Alvis deal puts Vickers under pressure

BY ADAM JONES

THE pressure on Vickers to find a partner for its battle tank arm intensified yesterday as Alvis and GKN laid out the terms for a merger of their armoured vehicle businesses.

The deal will lead to the closure of the Alvis factory in Coventry, with all manufacturing moving to the GKN plant in Telford, and the loss of about 150 jobs.

GKN and Alvis said the merger would enable them to keep up with industry consolidation across Europe, giving them bulk to match that of Krauss Maffei and Wegmann of Germany, and Giat of France. They estimated cost savings at £5 million a year.

Vickers, the only other significant UK player in this field, refused to say yesterday whether it would try to merge its own tank business with the new group — or make a bid for Alvis with the proceeds of the sale of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars and Cosworth.

Nick Prest, who will continue as Alvis chairman, suggested there was room for more domestic consolidation. "This is not necessarily the end of the process in the UK," he said.

GKN's armoured vehicle business, which had faced the threat of job losses because of a lack of orders, will become part of Alvis. GKN will receive a 29.9 per cent holding in the enlarged Alvis group and has undertaken not to increase or reduce its stake for 18 months.

The total value of the deal to GKN is £77 million at yesterday's closing prices. Alvis shares fell from 197½p to 195p. GKN fell from 683p to 672p.

After completion, which is scheduled for October 19, GKN will subscribe £15 million in cash for Alvis loan notes. The deal will dilute Alvis earnings in 1999 because of the short-term weakness of GKN's order book and the cost of running two sites. The reorganisation will lead to an £8.5 million charge in the Alvis accounts.

The two companies said there would be minimal overlap between existing products, with the exception of the Alvis CV-90 and the GKN Warrior, which are currently competing against each other for an order in Switzerland.

Up to 50 of the 200 staff from the Alvis plant in Coventry are likely to be transferred to Telford. Some voluntary redundancies at Telford are expected also.

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Belgium Fr	61.52	56.56	Netherlds Gld	3.381	3.086
Canada $	2.640	2.452	New Zealand $	3.39	3.15
Cyprus Cyp £	0.8811	0.8096	Norway Kr	13.21	12.27
Denmark Kr	11.38	10.49	Portugal Esc	302.47	280.44
ECU	0.92	0.81	S Africa Rd	10.93	9.97
Finland Mrk	9.16	8.41	Spain Pta	251.70	232.91
France Fr	9.95	9.17	Sweden Kr	13.79	12.68
Germany Dm	2.991	2.749	Switzerland Fr	2.488	2.270
Greece Dr	511	472	Turkey Lira	476174	444524
Hong Kong $	13.80	12.60	USA $	1.781	1.638
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Ireland Pt	1.1838	1.0941			
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Undermining Chinese walls

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Judges can be a cynical bunch but this is too much. One Justice Pumphrey has looked at a Chinese wall and pronounced it leaky. And this a wall erected with all the skills that one would expect of a top firm of accountants such as KPMG.

City practitioners, whether bankers, brokers or accountants, have become as practised at putting up walls as any builder. It is crucial for clients that the walls are water-tight or, heaven forfend, information gleaned one one side of a transaction might permeate through to people in another part of the organisation who might be able to put it to good use. Clients would take a dim view of such behaviour and so would the regulators.

Only a cynic would suggest that the Chinese version bears more resemblance to the Derbyshire dry stone wall than the heavily cemented barricades that surround Scary Spice's manor house. Yet that is the suggestion: that even in the best ordered organisations, there is seepage.

The case that has been brought to the attention of Justice Pumphrey involved the colourful Prince Jefri of Brunei and accountants KPMG. The accountants have long been privy to the activities of the Brunei Investment Agency, where the Sultan's younger brother used to call the shots. Prince Jefri's interests ranged far beyond the normal scope of national coffers. His passion for gifts of dubious taste went far beyond what is stocked at Asprey.

The scale of his spending, coupled with some unfortunate investments, has given the Sultan some concern of late. Being toppled from the perch of the richest man in the world by a computer nerd is likely to put any potentate into ill humour and have them demanding investigations.

So who else would the Sultan turn to but trusty accountants KPMG? No doubt he asked them if they would be prepared to take on Project Jemma, as it was tastefully called, without making use of any of the information the firm had gleaned about Prince Jefri's activities while it was working for the BIA. And no doubt KPMG crossed its corporate heart and said no, of course, it would make sure that any of that information was buried well behind the Chinese wall, no matter how useful or relevant it might be. No, it would start from scratch on Project Jemma.

Well, the judge was not entirely convinced. His ruling, casting its implicit question mark over the impermeability of Chinese walls, does have worrying implications for the major accounting firms - and their clients. Now that there are fewer, but bigger, accountancy practices, clients will be limited in their choice of firms capable of, for instance, carrying out audits and advising on corporate activity. It is important for the firms that clients believe in the Chinese wall keeping important information out of the wrong view. The assurances, like the cement, will have to be laid on with a trowel.

Taylor-made, but with few suitors

Clearly there are some who rate the abilities of Jonathan Taylor. Booker looks in tatters after being jilted for a second time, but its chairman has an array of other directorships at leading UK companies.

Even though Booker has been without a chief executive since March, and Taylor seems likely to be left in charge for a little longer yet, he has still found time to fit in the chairmanship of Ellis & Everard, main board directorships at MEPC and Tate & Lyle, and the chairmanship of Equitable Life. He is also helping out on the board of the Royal Agricultural College and Paintings in Hospitals, which presumably espouses the worthy aim of brightening up institutional walls.

Taylor is only a part-time chairman of Booker, hence his miserly remuneration package last year of just £124,000. But investors are beginning to wonder just how thinly directors should be spreading themselves if they are to devote to companies the attention they need. Jonathan Taylor is a mere beginner by the standards of Professor Roland Smith and Lord Marshall, but it seems fair to say that Booker might have benefited from rather more of his attention. If the converse is true, then perhaps he should not have been there at all.

The decision by Budgens to back away from any deal with the company has only added fuel to fears that the situation within the company is even more depressing than the recent run of profit warnings has indicated. To lose one suitor, in the shape of Somerfield, was unfortunate, but to lose a second . . .

The Budgens share price reacted with the opposite of disappointment when the collapse of the merger talks was revealed. Blaming the collapsing Booker share price was not entirely convincing. Neither was Taylor's effort to try to portray the recent attempts to find a saviour as merely time-wasting distractions, deflecting him from the main business.

Booker looks in a sorry state. Its cash-and-carry business may have attractions for second-tier grocers in search of extra buying power, but it could be an expensive distraction, as John von Spreckelsen may wisely have concluded. What the company really needs is decent management. The previous chief executive paid the price for the group's poor performance when he left abruptly in March.

Taylor joined the company in 1959 and was chief executive from 1984 until 1993. He certainly knows the business, but was he paying enough attention?

Time for a little co-operation

The Co-operative Bank has carved a unique niche as an ethical banker. This statement is no reflection on the morals of its rivals, merely an assessment of its clever market positioning.

The success of the bank has been in stark contrast to the leaden-footedness of the retail side of the co-operative movement. But the Co-op, in its various guises, still accounts for a valuable slice of the high street. When Andrew Regan tried, and spectacularly failed, to take over the Co-op two years ago, he had the right target, only the wrong method.

Now it seems that the Co-op Bank may be ready to help to shake up the stores a bit. Yesterday it declared its enthusiasm for providing Isas, itself a somewhat surprising comment, given the question marks still hanging over the Government's new savings scheme. But it also said it would market the plans through Co-op stores. Other supermarket operators take a highly cautious view of Isas and may be surprised to see the Co-op shops overtaking them.

Co-op customers, once accustomed to the idea of "the divi", may be attracted by the Isa savings scheme. Like the divi, it could provide a way of cementing customers to the stores, slowing down the inexorable drift of shoppers towards the supermarket giants. If the Co-op Bank is prepared to think positively about selling the Isa, the least the Treasury could do is hasten to explain exactly what it is.

Bowing out?

THE champagne will be flowing around Hanover Square as partners in Healey & Baker celebrate the £70 million sale of their business to Americans. That three of the top property partnerships have decided to sell out in recent months rekindles thoughts of those estate agents who were persuaded — very easily —to sell to clever financial institutions such as Lloyds Bank and Nationwide just at the top of the market. Can it be long before the partners at Jones Lang Wootton are persuaded that it is time to bow out?

Booker is jilted again as Budgens ends talks

By Fraser Nelson

BOOKER yesterday lost its second takeover suitor in two weeks as Jon von Spreckelsen, chief executive of Budgens, pulled out of bid talks (see Commentary, this page).

Booker shares fell 28p to a new low of 117½p as most City analysts abandoned hope of another takeover approach.

Jonathan Taylor, chairman of Booker, said that both companies had seen strong logic in a merger — but had been unable to work out a formula for an all-share reverse takeover of Budgens by Booker.

Mr Taylor said: "The prime issue was the impossibility of finding appropriate terms for an all-share transaction when our shares had fallen through the floor. At these levels, I believe, Booker shareholders would have been underrepresented in any combined group. The value equation was impossible to achieve."

He said that Budgens pulled out first — but only because was obliged to give news at yesterday's annual shareholder meeting.

Mr von Spreckelsen, who would have been chief executive of the enlarged group, backed Mr Taylor's version of events. He said: "Disappointment does not come in to it. We had very amicable discussions, but we could not go through with it in the end."

Both companies denied suggestions of a black hole in Booker's accounts — rumours that emerged after Somerfield pulled out of a merger two weeks ago.

Mr Taylor said Booker's priority is to appoint a chief executive to fill the gap left when Charles Bowen resigned six months ago. He said: "We have a shortlist of three, and we have a frontrunner. It will happen in the next month."


Taylor: deal failed on terms

Booker is in the closing stages of selling its fish-processing business and Daehnfeldt, the seeds business. Mr Taylor suggested that the disposals could well be made within weeks.

The City said that Booker could be worth 200p a share if broken up by one of the finance houses understood to have been circling it while it was in talks with Somerfield.

One analyst said: "There was so little logic in the Budgens deal that no one really thought it would go through — so we are not entirely surprised. The shares may flush out another bid — Booker may be a dog, but it's not a bankrupt dog which its valuation kind of suggests."

Mr von Spreckelsen played down suggestions that he was hungry for a more challenging role, saying: "Budgens is still expanding very fast, and it's a very enjoyable job for me." The shares rose 3½p to 73½p.

City questions bad-debt move by Capital

By Jason Nisse

CAPITAL Corporation, the casino group that last year was mired in rows about Stock Exchange and internal investigations, has run into another spat, this time about its accounting practices.

The group has changed the way it deals with its bad debts, so that it nets off the losses and the recoveries and adds the resulting figure to its turnover. This change was revealed with its results for the half year to July 12, which showed a £1.46 million falling in turnover to £31.8 million.

City analysts questioned the change — which is estimated to have added as much as £1 million to Capital's half-year figures — and some suggested that it may breach the Companies Act provisions on netting off costs and expenses.

Andrew Chandler, Capital's finance director, denied any breach of the Act and said the change was to bring the company in line with its peers.

However, Barry Hardy, finance director of its main competitor, London Clubs International (LCI), said its accounting policies were different, with bad debts from gamblers separated as a charge. LCI made an unsuccessful bid for Capital last year.

Capital had a bad half, with a fall-off in business from Far Eastern and Middle Eastern customers adding to the pain of a £1.1 million increase in betting levy . Pre-tax profits fell from £6.84 million to £5.01 million and earnings from 7.34p to 3.18p. There is an unchanged dividend of 1.0p.

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Reduced costs boost Dorling Kindersley

By Raymond Snoddy, media editor

PETER KINDERSLEY, founder of Dorling Kindersley, said yesterday the international reference and educational publisher had reached a turning point by cutting its cost base and hitting financial targets.

The company, whose financial performance has not been as sparkling as some of its products in the past few years, has been hit by the strength of the pound, turmoil in the American bookselling trade and difficulties in international product licensing.

Yesterday, it announced slightly better than expected pre-tax profits of £9 million for the year to June 30, against £7.7 million last time. Reorganisation costs were £2.5 million.

Apart from a strong autumn list including the DK Illustrated Oxford Dictionary and two Star Wars books, Mr Kindersley said savings from the restructuring of £3million to £4 million this year would drop to the bottom line.

Lorna Tilbian, media analyst at Panmure Gordon, said: "The products were always good but it was like blinking in the dark, hardly anyone saw. There is a new focus on distribution and marketing." She is looking for pre-tax profits of £10.5 million this year.

The share price rose 25p on the results to close at 205p. Turnover rose from £180 million to £184 million, helping headline earnings to 8p (6p). The dividend is held at 4.6p.

Mr Kindersley promised a new emphasis on education and revealed that DK Multimedia is to be renamed DK Interactive Learning.

Dixon signals advance

ANDRE CAMARA


Paul Dixon, rear, and Garry Cuthbertson, finance director of Dixon Motors, yesterday

DIXON MOTORS, the car and motorcycle dealer, lifted pre-tax profits for the half year to June 30 by 68 per cent, to £6.7 million, despite what it described as an "uncertain market" (Matthew Barbour writes).

The company, which bought its third Ford dealership last month, saw new car sales grow by more than 17 per cent on a like-for-like basis, against an increase of 7.8 per cent nationally. Sales of used cars grew by more than 20 per cent on a like-for-like basis.

However, Paul Dixon, chief executive, said that the used-car market had a "challenging" second quarter, with supply exceeding demand, especially in the nearly new market, resulting in a significant fall in resale values.

The company took advantage of the growing popularity of mopeds and motorcycles with the £1.5 million acquisition of privately owned Cosmopolitan Motors in July.

"Sales of mopeds and other commuter bikes are growing even faster than sales of motorbikes, especially in major cities," Mr Dixon said.

"Our policy of investing in new car and motorcycle dealerships, many of which are still to reach to maturity, gives us confidence for the future."

Mr Dixon injected a note of caution by saying that current sales of new cars had started to slow by the middle of August despite retail initiatives and incentives from the company and the carmakers.

"There is no doubt that the August market was affected by the upward trend in interest rates and the uncertain worldwide economic prospects," Mr Dixon said.

Turnover rose 84 per cent, to £318 million, from £175 million. Earnings per share rose to 14.9p (12.4p). The interim dividend is to be 3p (2.5p).

Oil price forces Saga into write-off

By Carl Mortished
International Business Editor

SAGA PETROLEUM, the Norwegian energy group which surprised the market in 1996 with a $1.23 billion (£735 million) bid for Santa Fe Energy, has become the first major North Sea oil group to write down its assets in response to the weak oil price.

The Norwegian energy company is taking a NOK2.5 billion (£200 million) hit to its profits in the current year, mainly due to the oil price and disappointing exploration results. Saga is now forecasting a loss of NOK1.6 billion for the full year.

Diderik Schnitler, the new chief executive, blamed the Santa Fe deal for the write-off and said the price paid was too high. Santa Fe was auctioned by Kuwait Petroleum Company and Saga based its winning bid on an $18-19 per barrel oil price compared with yesterday's price of less than $13.

Saga's write-off, which includes some NOK1.3 billion in exploration acreage is likely to be followed by other companies that acquired acreage in recent years. Lasmo has already warned that it might write down some of the North Sea fields acquired from Ultramar and Premier Oil is expected to write down exploration acreage.

Receivers called into Utility Cable

By Chris Ayres

THE embarrassing saga of Utility Cable, the former investment trust transformed into a road-digging venture for gas, water and cable television companies, ended in disaster yesterday when receivers were called in.

Luke Johnson, the PizzaExpress entrepreneur who held a 5.5 per cent stake, is thought to have lost several million pounds through the company. Mr Johnson said: "I had no idea this was happening. I'm sad and find it all very depressing."

Mr Johnson refused to blame management for the failure, or to comment on whether its shares were over-hyped. The company's demise will also come as a severe blow to Brian McCann, its chief executive, who was hired to turn it around.

Utility Cable was worth £57 million when it was formed in 1994, but was valued at just £3.3 million when its shares were suspended on Monday. Its problems ranged from the breakdown of the IRA ceasefire in Northern Ireland, to technical hitches in Britain and the general slowdown of the cable television market.

Although Mr Johnson recently increased his stake in Utility Cable, he resigned as a non-executive director of the company last year. Finbarr O'Connell, joint administrative receiver and a partner at Grant Thornton, yesterday said it was likely that Utility Cable would be broken-up and sold off within the next two weeks. "I have already been contacted by a huge amount of people," Mr O'Connell said yesterday.

The company's RS Kennedy and Crawshaw Robbins divisions are likely to be sold to gas and water utilities respectively, while a number of cable television operators have put in bids for the contracts held by its JP Fitzpatrick subsidiary.

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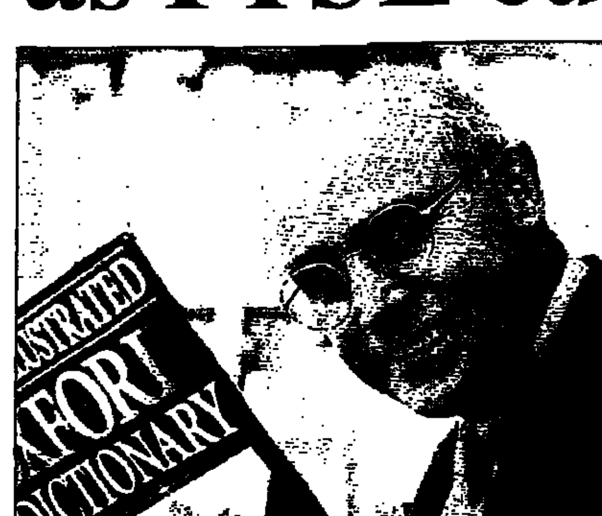
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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Stock Market Writer of the Year

Abbey National overtakes rivals as FTSE edges up



Peter Kindersley saw Dorling Kindersley shares respond positively to the news about the company's cost-cutting

ABBEY NATIONAL, which raced up 24p to £11.99 yesterday, has now overhauled both high street rivals **Barclays Bank** and **NatWest** in terms of stock market value.

At the close of business last night, Abbey National was worth £16.95 billion. That compares with the £16.4 billion that Barclays, down 26p at £10.90, is capitalised at and the £15.5 billion price tag commanded by NatWest, 7p lower at 909p.

Brokers say this latest burst of support for Abbey comes after a presentation by the company to highlight the treasury side of its operations. The brokers clearly came away impressed from the meeting which could lead to a further re-rating of its shares.

Barclays and NatWest are rated number three and four among the "big four" banks and remain a long way behind both **Lloyds TSB**, 2p firmer at 677p and valued at £36.77 billion, and **HSBC**, which owns the Midland, 4p better at £11.74 and capitalised at £31 billion.

The rest of the market closed with modest gains on the day after an unsettling session that saw it recover an initial 76-point fall. Opening gains on Wall Street and the latest Retail Price Index, showing the inflation level hitting the Government's target of 2.5 per cent for the first time since January, supported sentiment.

In the event the FTSE 100 index closed 13.1 up at 5,281.7 as a total of 816 million shares changed hands. The FTSE 250 index lost 13.4 at 4,723.3.

Reuters jumped 30p to 509p as Warburg Dillon Read, the broker, continued to tell clients the shares were a "buy". Warburg has also taken a shine to **J Sainsbury**, up 10p at 567p.

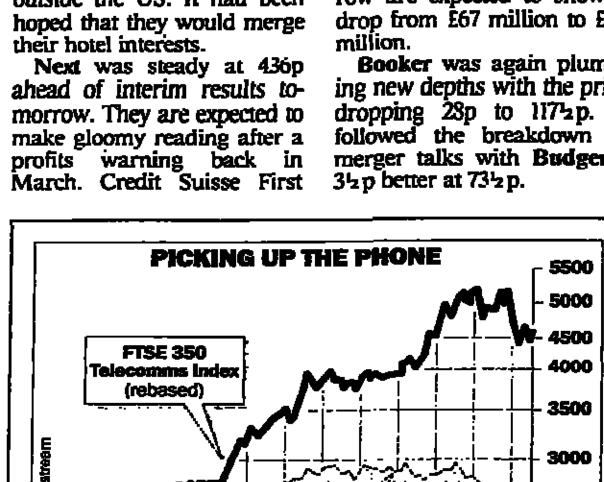
Thames Water sat nursing a fall of 75p at £11.18 which dealers said stemmed from a rogue price of £11.93 fed in to the system late on Monday.

ICI retreated 35p to 520p after Merrill Lynch the broker, downgraded its recommendation for the shares from "accumulate" to "neutral". **Shell** also shaded 5p to 370p, overshadowed by the decision by Schroder Securities, the broker, to downgrade from "outperform" to "neutral".

Ladbroke was a weak market, finishing 5¼p lower at 234¾p and reflecting the overnight warning from Hilton International that profits would fall 20 per cent short of market forecasts. Ladbroke owns all the Hilton hotels outside the US. It had been hoped that they would merge their hotel interests.

Next was steady at 436p ahead of interim results tomorrow. They are expected to make gloomy reading after a profits warning back in March. Credit Suisse First Boston has cut its forecast for the current year by 4 per cent to £158 million. Profits tomorrow are expected to show a drop from £67 million to £49 million.

Booker was again plumbing new depths with the price dropping 28p to 117½p. It followed the breakdown of merger talks with **Budgens**, 3½p better at 73½p.



THE buyers came back for the telecom sector.

Leading the way was Cable & Wireless, 20p better at 570p, followed by Orange, 18p dearer at 630p, Vodafone, 33p to 837p, and BT, 21p to 821p.

It follows a period of underperformance that has seen investors hold back because of stock market volatility. The sector's revival coincided with Cable & Wireless completing the £1.75 billion acquisition of MCI Telecom's Internet business. It came at a crucial time for C&W which has seen its price drop from a peak of 856p in recent months.

Meanwhile, Hong Kong Telecom, where C&W has a controlling interest, has embarked on a big cost-cutting programme.

Reports from Europe also claim Orange is poised to link up with Telefonica and Royal KPA Telecom to bid for Italy's fourth cellular licence. Orange later denied the story.

Vodafone benefited from positive comments from Merrill Lynch, the broker, which has been telling its clients to "accumulate" the shares.

Sport Newspapers, controlled by entrepreneurs David Sullivan, David Gold and Ralph Gold, has bought 600,000 in the AIM-listed **Birmingham City** football club, lifting the price 4½p to 36½p.

Profit-taking left **Newcastle United** 12½p lower at 94½p after both Sony and Telewest denied plans to bid, while **Chelsea Village** fell 9p to 95p. **Tottenham Hotspur** also retreated 4p to 81p after Alan Sugar, chairman, rejected a bid of 80p a share from **ENIC**, the leisure group. ENIC shed 5½p to 144½p.

Trading conditions remain tough at **Dorling Kindersley**, the educational publisher where Peter Kindersley is chairman and chief executive, but the group's cost-cutting programme has started to bear fruit. Pre-tax profits last year grew from £7.7 million to £9 million. The shares rose 25p to 205p.

Swan Hill ran into profit-taking, easing 1½p to 65½p. Earlier this week, the housebuilder and property specialist reported an increase in first-half pre-tax profits from £2.3 million to £2.7 million.

Jerome Group rose 11½p to 45p after announcing terms of a recommended offer from rival textiles group **Worthington**, down 1p at 60½p. The terms value Jerome at 53½p, or £7.4 million.

□ **GILT-EDGED:** The faintest hint of a cut in interest rates prompted a further burst of institutional support that lifted bond prices by up to £½.

Prices were marked higher at the outset on the back of firmer international bond markets. The inflation numbers were much in line with forecasts providing a year-on-year rise of 2.5 per cent.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt, rose £0.45 to £114.03 as a total of 56,000 contracts were completed. The short-dated future also rose £0.27 to £106.58. Among conventional issues Treasury 8 per cent 2021 put on £21/32 at £139½, while in shorts Treasury 7 per cent 2002 ended £7/32 up at £104¾.

□ **NEW YORK:** Shares were little changed as investors awaited further clues on the direction of interest rates from Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Chairman. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 5.66 points at 7,951.01.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	7951.01 (+5.66)
S&P Composite	1028.71 (-1.01)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	Closed

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	7733.47 (+71.61)

Amsterdam:

AEX Index	1014.70 (-18.96)

Sydney:

AO	2554.3 (+44.1)

Frankfurt:

DAX	4831.22 (-65.27)

Singapore:

Straits	902.28 (+24.45)

Brussels:

BEL20	3228.12 (-4.06)

Paris:

CAC-40	3698.00 (-16.81)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	1249.0 (-19.9)

London:

FT 30	3266.0 (-5.2)
FTSE 100	5281.7 (+13.1)
FTSE 250	4723.3 (-13.4)
FTSE 350	2522.0 (+3.9)
FTSE Eurotop 100	2460.70 (-16.92)
FTSE All-Share	2444.89 (+3.33)
FTSE Non Financials	2540.42 (+2.99)
FTSE Fixed Interest	149.90 (+0.25)
FTSE Govt Secs	109.88 (+0.36)
Bargains	57545
SEAQ Volume	816.5m
US$	1.6735 (-0.0030)
German Mark	2.8235 (-0.0307)
Exchange Index	102.1 (-0.9)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.4434
£:SDR	1.2250
RPI	163.7 Aug (3.3%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	161.1 Aug (2.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Allied Zurich	671	- 19
Chaucer A Wts	12½	...
Coca-Cola (160)	167	+ 12
Enterprise Cap B Pf	55½	...
GEC Put Wts	98	- ½
Kiln	122½	...
MEPC Non Cum Pf B	89	...
Metnor Grp	112½	...
Murray Ext Rtn Cap	14	...
Murray Ext Rtn Inc	106½	...
Murray Ext Zero Dv	99	...
Parallel Pictures	28½	...
Private & Comm Fin	65	...
Sodra Petroleum	42½	...
SupaRule	90½	...
Syndct Cap Wts 98/02	21½	...
Tribune IT Index	507	+ 1
Walker Greenbank B	33	...
Wilmslow Group	2½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cammell Ld n/p (520)	3½	...
Tadpole Tech n/p (1025)	1¾	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Dorling Kind	205p (+25p)
City Tech	180p (+15p)
Sun Life & P	563p (+38p)
Sappi	204p (+12½p)
Br Borneo	223p (+13½p)
Reuters	509p (+30p)
Rio Tinto	683p (+35½p)
Vodafone	837p (+33p)
BG	395p (+15p)
Cable Wireless	570p (+20p)
BAA	600p (+20½p)

FALLS:

Booker	117½p (-28p)
JJB Sports	320p (-35p)
Devro	191½p (-16p)
Regent Inns	150p (-11p)
Whitbread	771p (-53p)
ICI	520p (-35p)
EMI	403p (-25p)
RMC	751p (-39p)
Shield Diag	450p (-20p)
Maiden	230p (-10p)
Reckitt Colm	940p (-40p)

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TEMPUS

Deflating hopes

VIAGRA'S troubled arrival in the UK should serve as a warning to investors in pharmaceutical companies. The sector has enjoyed a charmed life in recent years: growing demand for new medicines from ageing populations has given the industry the rare allure of high growth in an era of low inflation. The price-earnings multiples of many leading companies have soared to about 35, or even 50 in the case of Pfizer, Viagra's manufacturer.

But that latent demand is meaningless unless someone is prepared to pay for all these new drugs. Frank Dobson's decision to ban Viagra on the NHS — partly justified, entirely spuriously, by its attraction to night clubbers looking for the drug that they call "Poke" — forcefully makes the point that health budgets are strictly finite. Pfizer complains bitterly about "iniquitous" treatment but is understandably reluctant to cut the price of Viagra to encourage the Department of Health to relax its policy.

This encapsulates the great unspoken fear of pharmaceutical companies. Will they be able to sell the new medicines they are developing without drastically cutting prices — and, consequently, their fat profit margins? Viagra, because of sex and all the publicity, may be a special case, but similar issues will arise for many new treatments, for obesity, for example — another condition that usually poses little threat to life.

At the moment, the pharmaceutical company prospects are underpinned by the higher prices charged to American patients. But for how long is the US — far and away the industry's biggest customer — going to be willing to pay more than the rest of the world?

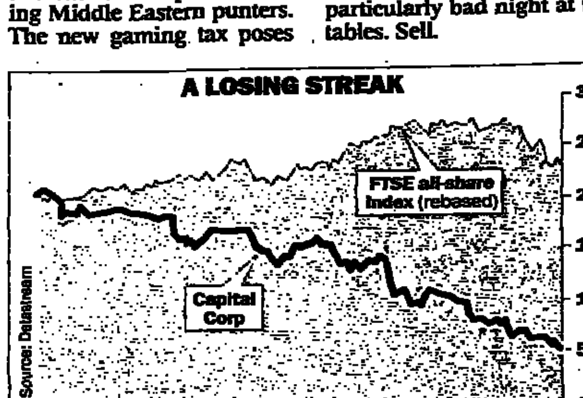
Capital Corp

CAN IT be only last year that the directors of Capital Corporation were saying that London Clubs International's 178p a share bid for the casino group was far too low? But for the intervention of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, LCI might have won that bid battle and the now beleaguered investors of Capital Corp would be laughing at the fate that has befallen their company.

However the bid failed and Capital Corp shares have traced a rapid descent ever since. At 51p, up ½p on some lacklustre interim results yesterday, luckless shareholders might hope that the worst is over. They would be wrong to hope.

In the second half Capital Corp will find not one, but two new casinos opening in competition to its West End clubs — Crockfords and the Colony. These are in addition to the rival club that opened in opposition to the Colony in the first half of this year.

Capital Corp's problems are exacerbated by Far East customers keeping away, and the low oil price affecting Middle Eastern punters. The new gaming tax poses burdens, too. Add to this Capital Corp's increasing costs, which are apparent if you pick through its ever-changing accounting policies, plus the likelihood of asset writedowns and you are likely to see a loss in the second half of this year, unless a high roller has a particularly bad night at the tables. Sell.



Wetherspoon

EITHER J D Wetherspoon or the stock market has it horribly wrong. Wetherspoon is firmly committed to high-speed growth but shares in the company have halved in value over the past six months as confidence about the firm, and its marketplace, has drained away.

Shareholders can be excused nervousness. The Wetherspoon pub format is a good one, but as with any format it cannot be rolled out indefinitely. Yesterday's commitment to doubling the size of its chain by the end of 2001 flies in the face of common sense about the durability of brands such as Wetherspoon's. It is also unsettling to see such bullishness when such large question marks hang over the health of consumer expenditure and when other pub operators are becoming more cautious about the future.

In Wetherspoon's case the doubts are underlined because the company's balance sheet is stretched. Debt gearing stood at 82 per cent at the end of the year, and operating profits cover interest payments only thinly, at 3.5 times.

Shares fell another 7p to 160½p yesterday to a point where they trade on a multiple of about 12 times' forecast earnings. Until the fug of uncertainty about the economy clears, Wetherspoon shares are likely to remain under a cloud. At best, hold.

Delta

IT IS not a great time for Delta to find itself in the middle of a restructuring.

The electrical equipment, chemicals and plumbing group has done a lot of slimming down already. The asset swap with BICC jettisoned unattractive cables businesses, but further disposals are needed to give the group the shape it wants, and to reduce gearing. All the while, its markets are being pummelled by the Asian financial problems and the strong pound.

Investors had perhaps expected some of the fruits of the changes to be apparent by now. That there was so little obvious good news in the results explains why the stock fell on the back of yesterday's interims. In spite of the fact that the interim dividend was unchanged, doubts also persist about whether Delta can extricate itself from the restructuring without a cut.

Nevertheless and while there is a way to go there is reason to believe the shares, currently trading on about seven times' forecast earnings, may enjoy better times. Delta could be a market leader in electrolytic manganese dioxide, used in dry cell batteries. There is also room for expansion in the fragmented galvanising market.

Patience is required but the prospects are good enough to hold on to the shares.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Sep	1010-1008	Dec	1155-1152
Dec	1040-1039	Mar	1178-1174
Mar	1070-1069	May	unq
May	1091-1090	Jul	—
Jul	1110-1108		
Sep	1130-1128		Volume: 7288

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1664-1650	May	1517-1508
Nov	1618-1617	Jul	1510-1500
Jan	1560-1557	Sep	1510 SLR
Mar	1532-1528		Volume: 2929

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	228.8-27.0
Spot: unq		Aug	234.3-33.0
Oct	212.1-10.3	Oct	239.3-35.0
Dec	217.5-16.7	Dec	242.8-37.1
Mar	223.8-23.0		Volume: 4089

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 12

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	39.57	78.78	79.55
(+/-)	-0.76	-3.79	-3.32
Eng/Wales	39.31	78.95	78.62
(+/-)	-0.59	-3.77	-3.58
(%)	-10.0	-27.0	-7.0
Scotland	44.08	77.89	87.55
(+/-)	-6.02	-4.07	-0.46
(%)	+19.0	-46.0	-17.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	12.75	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Nov)	13.40	n/c
Brent 15 day (Dec)	13.70	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	14.70	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	14.85	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	142 (+1)	146 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	120 (-2)	123 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	62 (+1)	64 (+1)
Naphtha	124 (n/c)	126 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Oct	122.00-22.25	Jan	129.75-30.25
Nov	124.75-25.00	Feb	131.75-32.25
Dec	127.25-27.50		Vol: 20978

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	13.00-13.02	Jan	13.80 SLR
Nov	13.33-13.35	Feb	13.96 SLR
Dec	13.66 SLR		Vol: 59333

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	71.75	Sep	71.00
Nov	73.65	Nov	72.00
Jan	75.60	Jan	74.25
Mar	77.55	Mar	75.75
May	79.10	May	76.75
Volume: 514		Volume: 81	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	80.0
Mar		123.0
Apr	160.0	154.0
		Volume: 88

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Oct 47.50-48.00

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 98	880	880	880
Oct 98	965	950	950
Nov 98	975	975	975
Jan 99	980	980	980
Vol: 151 lots			Open interest: 1710

Index 867 +8

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1648.0-1649.0	1671.5-1672.0	2184975
Lead ($/tonne)	516.00-516.50	530.00-530.50	398375
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1013.5-1014.0	1038.0-1038.5	737550
Tin ($/tonne)	5560.0-5570.0	5400.0-5410.0	40980
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1338.0-1338.5	1368.5-1369.0	3886950
Nickel ($/tonne)	4085.0-4090.0	4150.0-4155.0	208500

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
ASDA	180	12	20½	26	6	12	16
(*184½)	200	4½	11½	17½	18	23½	27
Abbey Nat	1150	87	147½	171	39½	78½	98
(*1189)	1200	61	123	146	63½	103	122½
Alld Dom	460	33½	51	58	11	30	38½
(*478½)	500	14½	32½	40	31½	52½	60½
BAA	550	57	78½	92	6	24	30½
(*594½)	600	26½	51½	65½	24	46½	53½
BAT Ind	550	32½	58	—	24½	50½	—
(*552½)	600	13½	38	—	55½	80½	—
Barclays	1050	91½	144	179½	43½	78	110½
(*1091½)	1100	66	119½	155½	66	103	135
Bass	789	54½	—	—	20½	—	—
(*822½)	845	31½	—	—	51	—	—
Boots	950	71½	105	131	33	43½	53½
(*998½)	1000	43	78	105½	43	67	77
Bt Airways	390	42½	62	78	16	33½	43
(*412½)	420	27	48½	64	27½	49	58½
BP	800	53	85½	112	28	58½	74
(*820½)	850	31	61	87½	51	84	96½
Br Steel	100	9	13	17	6	10½	14½
(*102)	110	4½	9	13	12	16½	20
C&W	550	55½	89	104½	26	53	70½
(*564½)	600	33½	65½	82	60½	79½	97
CGU Plc	850	83½	126	153½	31	59½	85½
(*898)	900	56	102	129½	51½	85	110
GlaxoW	1800	115	210	266	79	146½	177
(*1830)	1900	73½	165½	218	133½	197½	227
HSBC	1150	93	164	197	56½	114½	148
(*1175½)	1200	69½	141	173	81½	140	174
Halifax	750	55	94½	115	25½	50	69
(*777½)	800	30½	70½	90½	50	74	93½
ICI	500	45½	83	94½	28	46½	68
(*512)	550	24½	61	73½	57	74	95½
Land Sec	900	46	78½	103½	31	54½	63½
(*912)	950	20½	52½	78	56	78	87
M&S	460	37	54½	67½	12	26	32
(*482½)	500	16	35	50	29½	45½	51
Natl Pwr	500	55	69½	83	10	26½	32
(*541)	550	24½	42½	58	30	48½	56
Nat West	900	60	109½	130½	46	83½	97
(*910½)	950	37½	86	106	72½	108½	123
Reed Intl	460	46½	69	85½	12½	23	36½
(*495)	500	23½	47	65½	29	41	55½
Reuters	472	57	—	—	—	—	—
(*515½)	530	23½	—	—	33½	—	—
RoyalSun	460	43½	66½	82	14	32½	45½
(*483½)	500	25½	47	62½	33½	53	65½
Safeway	300	23	35½	44	9	19½	26½
(*314½)	330	9	21½	29½	23	35	40½
Sainsbury	560	34½	56½	76	19	35½	48
(*564)	600	14	37	53	46	63	75
Shell	360	22	39	49½	15½	27	33
(*369½)	390	11	26	36	33	43	49
SmKl Bch	650	67½	100	129	20	44½	59½
(*692½)	700	39½	75½	106½	42	69½	85
Std Char	390	50	77	91½	18	44	55½
(*419½)	420	34	63½	78	31½	58	71½
Thames W	1114	47	87	109½	35	68	79½
(*1116)	1168	24	62	83½	67	97	105
Vodafone	800	80	127½	167½	40½	75½	97½
(*835)	850	56	103½	146	66	101	123
Woolwich	324	32	—	—	5½	—	—
(*351½)	354	16½	—	—	17	—	—
Zeneca	2200	174½	272	348½	67½	143	181½
(*2294)	2300	119	223	299½	106	193	230½
(*199½)	200	19	28	33	16	23½	27
Tesco	167	13½	20½	—	11	14	—
(*171)	183	7½	13½	—	19½	23	—
Utd Bisc	193	25½	31	—	7	8	—
(*214)	216	13	18½	—	16	18½	—

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BTR	115	14½	—	—	9½	—	—
(*119)	127	10	—	—	17	—	—
Blue Circ	280	22½	33½	39½	24	30½	37
(*280½)	300	15½	25	32	36	42½	49
Br Aero	360	42½	63½	72	19½	30½	36½
(*382)	390	27½	50	58½	34½	47	52
Br Telcm	800	67½	102	133	39½	64½	86
(*819)	850	44	78	109½	65½	90	111½
Cadbury	850	73½	99½	123½	37½	54	75
(*871½)	900	49	74½	99	62½	78½	99½
Carlton Cms	390	46½	66	74	14½	27	33
(*419½)	420	29	50½	59½	27½	41	47½
Diageo	550	60½	85½	94½	26½	41½	51½
(*582½)	600	35½	62	69½	50½	67	76
Energy Gp	800	43	—	—	—	—	—
(*840)	850	1	—	—	10½	—	—
Gallaher	390	29	44	53	20½	33	38½
(*401)	420	17½	30	39½	38	49	55
GEC	460	44½	65½	81½	26	41	47½
(*473)	500	27	47	63	48	62	68
Hanson	330	32	40½	47	12½	20½	28
(*345)	360	17½	25½	32	27½	35	41½
Imp Tob	500	64½	74½	86	6½	21	27½
(*549)	550	33½	47	59½	25	42	50
Kingfshr	500	50	67½	79½	26½	33½	44
(*523)	525	38½	55	—	39	46	—
Lasmo	160	23	33½	37½	6½	12½	18
(*173½)	180	12½	24½	28½	15½	22½	27½
Ladbroke	220	29	41	46½	12½	19	25
(*235½)	240	18½	31½	37½	21	29½	35½
LucasVar	180	21½	29	34½	8½	12½	15
(*194)	200	11½	19½	24½	18	22½	25
P&O	650	55	80	92½	26	37	50½
(*674)	700	30½	55	67	50	62	75½
Prudentl	800	69½	100½	120	46	67	79
(*821)	850	46	76½	96	72½	93	104
Rio Tinto	650	61½	91	104½	31	49½	70
(*679½)	700	38	68½	81	56½	75	96½
R-Royce	180	30	37½	42½	7	13½	17

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
AB&Leic	850	70	105½	135½	22½	45	67
(*889½)	900	42½	80½	110½	45	69½	90½
BG	390	12	40½	54	4½	29½	36½
(*398)	420	5½	27½	41	23½	45½	53
BSkyB	460	28	48	63½	—	22	35
(*488)	500	1	25	43	14	40	52
Br Bio	35	2	8	11½	1	5½	9
(*36½)	40	—	6	9½	4	8½	12
Centrica	100	6½	11	14½	1	7½	10
(*105)	110	1½	6½	10	6	12	15
Dixons	550	37½	66	81½	—	23	33½
(*587½)	600	3	39	55½	14½	45	57½
EMI	390	15	52½	66½	2	27½	42
(*402)	420	2	35½	53	19	43	57
Granada	750	25	74	96	5	42½	63½
(*771)	800	2½	50	72	32½	67½	86½
GUS	750	8	57½	79½	7	43	60
(*751)	800	—	36	57½	49	71½	88
Lloyds TSB	650	28	84½	106	6½	52	71½
(*672)	700	5	61	80½	33½	78	97½
Lonrho	256	8½	—	—	½	—	—
(*264)	288	—	—	—	24	—	—
Norwich	460	11	47½	66	3½	36½	48
(*468½)	500	—	30½	48½	31½	59½	68½
Orange	600	29½	91½	126	1	51½	73
(*628)	650	2½	68	105	24	78½	100
Railtrck	1500	82½	178½	222	½	73½	106
(*1581½)	1600	10½	133½	173	27½	120½	155½
Scot Pwr	550	13	42½	59	5½	32½	39
(*560½)	600	—	21	36½	40	58	67
Tarmac	80	2	9	12½	1	9	11½
(*81)	90	—	5½	9	9	15½	18
Tomkins	220	12	29½	35	½	12	17
(*231½)	240	1	20	25½	9½	21½	27
Unilever	600	43	66½	84	—	20½	28½
(*542½)	550	6	38	63	12	41	55½

September 15 Total: 48286 Calls: 26453 Puts: 21833

FTSE INDEX (*5272)

Strike	Calls Sep	Calls Oct	Calls Nov	Calls Dec	Calls Jan	Puts Sep	Puts Oct	Puts Nov	Puts Dec	Puts Jan
5100	190½	352½	457½	551	842½	16½	153½	236½	299½	531
5150	149½	314½	426½	519½	—	25½	168	256	314	—
5200	112½	283	395½	488	789	39	187½	279½	328½	574
5250	79½	252½	365	456	—	56½	207½	295	347	—
5300	52½	222	334	424	736	81	227½	315	367	617½
5350	33	191½	306	392½	—	114	248½	335	387	—
5400	19	164½	272	361½	682½	155½	275	356	406½	662
5450	9½	142½	247	331½	—	205	303½	383	431½	—

September 15 Total: 5639 Calls: 3986 Puts: 1653 *Underlying security price

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Sep 98	113.50	114.06	113.50	113.81	234
Previous open interest 152695	Dec 98	113.65	114.31	113.62	114.03	56691
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Dec 98	113.80	113.95	113.75	113.73	553
Previous open interest 5370	Mar 99				112.40	0
Five Year Gilt	Sep 98	106.40	106.51	106.40	106.43	68
Previous open interest 2275	Dec 98				106.58	0
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Dec 98	110.92	111.27	110.87	111.15	17465
Previous open interest 84109	Mar 99				111.13	0
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Dec 98	137.85	138.05	137.85	138.05	440
	Mar 99				137.18	0
Three Mth Sterling	Sep 98	92.560	92.590	92.560	92.570	19296
	Dec 98	92.960	92.980	92.930	92.950	58085
Previous open interest 1208727	Mar 99	93.310	93.380	93.310	93.340	43952
Three Mth Euromark	Oct 98	96.500	96.505	96.480	96.495	2600
Previous open interest 2267446	Mar 99	96.535	96.580	96.535	96.545	85100
Three Mth Eurolira	Dec 98	96.200	96.240	96.200	96.210	21873
Previous open interest 640335	Mar 99	96.500	96.550	96.500	96.510	5754
Three Mth Euroswiss	Dec 98	98.250	98.270	98.230	98.240	12630
Previous open interest 170137	Mar 99	98.250	98.280	98.240	98.250	6804
Three Mth Euro	Oct 98				95.880	0
Previous open interest 19252	Mar 99				96.540	0
FTSE 100	Sep 98	5245.0	5290.0	5192.0	5275.0	57283
Previous open interest 240698	Dec 98	5320.0	5360.0	5267.0	5350.0	40678

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7½ Finance Hse 8

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 8¼ Low 7¼ Week fixed: 7¾

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 7 3/16; 3 mth 7 1/16. Sell: 2 mth 7 1/16; 3 mth: 7 1/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	7½-7¼	7 7/32-7¼	7¼-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	
Sterling Money Rates	7 7/32-7 5/32	7 7/32-7 5/32	7¼-7¼	7¼-7¼	7-6 15/16
Interbank	7 7/32-7 5/32	7 7/32-7 5/32	7¼-7¼	7¼-7¼	7-6 15/16

Overnight: open 7¾, close 8.

Local Authority Deps	7¾	n/a	7¼	7¼	6¾
Sterling CDs	7¼-7 5/32	7 7/32-7¼	7¼-7¼	7¼-7⅛	6 31/32-6 15/16
Dollar CDs	5.52	n/a	5.42	5.34	5.22
Building Society CDs	7 5/32-7¼	7¼-7 5/32	7¼-7¼	7¼-7⅛	7-6 15/16

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	5 9/16-5 7/16	5⅝-5½	5 9/16-5 7/16	5 7/16-5 5/16	5½-4¾
Deutschemark	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	4-3
French Franc	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3½-3⅜	3⅜-3¼	3½-2½
Swiss Franc	1⅝-1½	1½-1⅜	1½-1⅜	1½-1⅜	2¼-1¼
Yen	⅜-¼	⅜-¼	⅜-¼	⅜-¼	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $289.90-290.30 Close: $290.50-291.00 High: $291.80-292.30 Low: $289.65-290.15 AM: $290.35 PM: $290.65

Krugerrand: $292.50-294.50 (£174.00-179.00)

Platinum: $369.50 (£220.05) Silver: $4.975 (£2.965) Palladium: $288.00 (£171.55)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 15	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.1830-3.2114	3.1830-3.1857	1¼-1pr	3¼-3⅛pr
Brussels	58.197-58.770	58.197-58.299	23-18pr	60-53pr
Copenhagen	10.765-10.854	10.765-10.774	¼-⅛pr	¼-⅛pr
Dublin	1.1260-1.1400	1.1260-1.1304	16-10pr	52-42pr
Frankfurt	2.8224-2.8470	2.8224-2.8249	1-¾pr	2⅞-2¾pr
Lisbon	289.21-292.00	289.21-289.53	⅛-¼pr	2⅞-2¾pr
Madrid	239.70-241.83	239.70-239.91	66-55pr	192-174pr
Milan	2783.6-2821.6	2787.0-2791.0	60-44pr	170-148pr
Montreal	2.5165-2.5300	2.5165-2.5187	0.43-0.36pr	0.83-0.72pr
New York	1.6733-1.6824	1.6733-1.6742	0.273-0.252pr	0.788-0.757pr
Oslo	12.589-12.669	12.589-12.597	¼-½ds	¼-½ds
Paris	9.4633-9.5480	9.4633-9.4718	3¾-3¼pr	9¾-8¾pr
Stockholm	12.957-13.154	12.957-12.972	¼-⅛pr	1-⅛pr
Tokyo	222.09-223.90	222.09-222.30	1½-1⅛pr	4-3¼pr
Vienna	19.858-20.036	19.858-19.877	¼-⅛pr	2-1½pr
Zurich	2.3299-2.3507	2.3299-2.3328	1¼-1⅛pr	3¼-3⅛pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.6728-1.6742
Austria	11.87-11.88
Belgium (Com)	34.81-34.82
Canada	1.5051-1.5056
Denmark	6.4280-6.4300
France	5.6615-5.6620
Germany	1.6876-1.6886
Hong Kong	7.7467-7.7472
Ireland	1.4800-1.4850
Italy	1666.8-1667.3
Japan	132.73-132.83
Malaysia	3.8000-3.8005
Netherlands	1.9037-1.9047
Norway	7.5320-7.5340
Portugal	173.02-173.12
Singapore	1.7240-1.7250
Spain	143.40-143.50
Sweden	7.7681-7.7731
Switzerland	1.3932-1.3942

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6777-1.6802
Australia dollar	2.8061-2.8093
Bahrain dinar	0.6250-0.6410
Brazil real*	1.9696-1.9723
China yuan	unq
Cyprus pound	0.8330-0.8540
Finland markka	8.5900-8.7340
Greece drachma	482.25-493.65
Hong Kong dollar	12.9951-13.0021
India rupee	70.43-72.23
Indonesia rupiah	unq
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5040-0.5170
Malaysia ringgit	6.3745-6.3784
New Zealand dollar	3.2453-3.2513
Pakistan rupee	82.15 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0450-6.1790
Singapore dollar	2.8920-2.8951
S Africa rand (com)	10.213-10.713
U A E dirham	6.0975-6.2345

*Barclays Treasury * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	688	Lloyds TSB	12,507
ASDA Gp	3,342	LucasVarity	14,299
Abbey Ntl	2,688	Marks Spr	3,175
Allnce & Leic	1,363	Misys	355
Allied Dom	1,609	Nat Grid	2,067
Allied Zrch	8,712	Nat Power	4,941
Amvescap	781	NatWst Bk	3,791
AB Foods	846	Norwich Un	2,571
Bk of Scot	1,301	Nycmd Amr	807
BAA	1,653	Orange	3,558
Barclays	4,649	P & O	1,903
Bass	2,177	Pearson	865
BG	5,744	PowerGen	1,300
Billiton	1,939	Prudential	2,475
Blue Circle	1,455	Railtrack	1,987
BOC	1,288	Rank Group	3,738
Boots	2,576	Reckitt Col	281
BAe	6,417	Reed Intl	2,534
BA	4,747	Rentokil	2,317
Brt Am Tob	3,288	Reuters	4,799
Brit Energy	2,754	Rio Tinto	3,676
Br Land	1,797	RMC	1,719
BP	9,596	Rolls Royce	2,947
Brit Steel	4,433	Ryl & Sun	5,791
BSkyB	1,771	Ryl Bk Sct	1,650
BT	6,145	Safeway	1,437
BTR	7,268	Sainsbury	3,285
CGU	1,147	Schroders	126
Cable Wire	5,020	Scot & New	862
Cadbury	2,099	Scot Power	4,814
Carlton Cms	2,266	Svrn Trent	413
Centrica	23,819	Shell Trans	17,736
Compass Gp	1,308	Siebe	6,053
Diageo	2,522	Smiths Ind	1,188
EMI	1,761	SmKl Bch	6,748
Enterpr Oil	1,112	Stagecoach	296
Gen Elec	2,708	Std Chartd	5,329
GKN	1,595	Sun Life	349
Glaxo Well	4,112	Tesco	11,199
Granada	2,524	Thames W	545
GUS	899	Tomkins	8,159
GRE	5,115	Unilever	6,449
ICI	8,384	Utd News	1,860
HSBC	3,486	Utd Utilities	2,552
Halifax	3,213	Vodafone	9,291
Hays	3,622	WPP	846
Kingfisher	4,338	Whitbread	1,820
Ladbroke	1,863	Williams	937
Land Secs	945	Woolwich	6,068
Legal & Gn	1,825	Zeneca	1,726

WALL STREET

	Sep 15 midday	Sep 14 close
AMP Inc	42⅞	42⅞
AMR Corp	61¼	60¾
AT & T	57¾	57¾
Abbott Labs	42⅞	42⅞
Advanced Micro	16⅞	16⅞
Aetna Life	68⅜	66⅜
Ahmanson (HF)	57⅞	56⅜
Air Prod & Chem	31⅞	31⅞
AirTouch Comm	63⅞	63½
Alberson's	52	52⅞
Alcan Aluminm	23⅜	23⅞
Allied Signal	35⅜	36
Alum Co of Am	69⅞	70⅞
Amerada Hess	53⅜	53⅞
AEP	45⅞	45⅞
Amer Express	82⅜	81⅜
Amer Genl Corp	68⅜	67½
Amer Home Pr	55	53⅞
Amer Intl	81¼	81⅞
Amer Online	95⅜	98⅛
Amer Stores	30⅜	30⅞
Amer Standard	34⅞	34¼
Ameritech	47⅞	48
Amgen	72⅞	71⅞
Amoco	51⅜	51⅜
Andrew Corp	14⅞	14¼
Anheuser-Busch	56⅞	56⅞
Apple Computer	36⅞	37⅞
Archer Daniels	16⅜	16⅜
Armco	4⅞	4⅞
Armstrng Wrld	51⅞	51⅜
Asarco	19⅜	19⅞
Atl Richfield	66⅜	66⅜
Atmel Corp	8⅜	8⅜
Auto Data Pro	72⅞	72⅜
Avery Dennison	49⅞	49
Avon Products	27¼	28⅜
Baker Hughes	22⅞	22⅞
Baltim Gas & El	30⅜	30⅜
Banc One	44⅞	44⅞
BankAmerica	62½	63⅞
Bank of NY	28⅜	28⅞
Bankers Tr Crp	64⅞	65⅜
Bausch & Lomb	39⅜	39
Baxter Intl	60⅞	61¼
Bectn Dickinsn	41⅞	41
Bell Atlantic	45⅜	45⅞
BellSouth	71¼	70⅞
Best Foods	46⅜	46½
Black & Decker	46⅞	46⅜
Block (H&R)	43⅜	43⅞
Boeing	34⅜	34⅜
Boise Cascade	25⅞	25⅞
Boston Scien	67⅜	68⅜
Bristol Myrs Sq	106⅜	104⅜
Browning Ferris	35⅜	35⅜
Brunswick	13⅞	13⅜
Burlington Nthn	29⅜	28⅞
CMS Energy Corp	40⅜	39⅜
CSX	40⅞	40⅞
CBS Corp	26¼	26⅜
Campbell Soup	51⅞	51⅞
Carolina Pwr	44⅜	44
Case Corp	24⅜	23⅞
Caterpillar	47⅞	45⅜
Central & SW	27⅜	27⅜
Champion Intl	32⅜	31⅜
Chase Manhat	47⅜	46⅜
Chevron Corp	82⅞	82½
Chrysler	52⅜	52⅞
Chubb Corp	66⅞	67
Cigna Corp	62⅜	61⅞
Citicorp	102	101
Clorox	93⅜	93⅜
Coastal Corp	32⅞	31⅜
Coca Cola	61⅜	63⅞
Coca Cola Ent	27⅞	27⅜
Colgate-Palm	73⅞	72⅞
Columbia Energy	54⅜	54⅜
ColumbiaHCA	22⅜	22⅜
Compaq Comp	32⅜	32⅜
Comp Ass Intl	32	32⅜
Conagra	27⅜	28
Cons Edison	47⅜	47⅜
Cons Nat Gas	45⅜	45⅜
Cooper Inds	46⅜	45⅜
Corning Inc	26⅜	25⅜
Cwide Credit	39⅞	39⅜
Crestar Finl	56⅞	55⅜
Crown Cork	35⅜	35⅞
Daimler Bz ADR	91⅜	93⅞
Dana Corp	40⅜	41⅜
Dayton Hudson	42⅞	41⅜
Deere	32	31⅞
Dell Computer	59⅞	59⅞
Delta Air Lines	105⅜	104⅞
Deluxe Corp	31⅜	31⅜
Dillard Dept St	31⅜	31⅞
Disney (Walt)	25⅜	24⅜
Dominion Res	42⅞	41⅜
Donnelley (RR)	39	39⅞
Dover Corp	28⅜	28⅜
Dow Chemical	81⅜	80⅞
Dow Jones	49	49⅞
Dresser	32⅜	32⅜
Duke Energy	64⅞	64⅞
Du Pont	59⅞	59⅞
Eastman Chem	51⅞	52⅜
Eastman Kodak	81⅞	80⅞
Eaton Corp	61⅜	61⅜
Edison Intl	28⅜	26⅜
Elect Data Sys	35⅜	35⅜
Emerson Elec	60⅜	61⅞
Engelhard Corp	19⅜	19⅜
Enron Corp	49⅞	49⅜
Entergy	29⅜	29⅞
Ethyl Corp	4⅜	4⅜
Exxon	70⅜	70⅜
FDX Holding	49	49⅜
FMC Corp	54⅜	55⅜
FPL Group	67⅜	67⅞
Fifth Third Banc	58⅜	58
Fleet Finl Grp	75⅞	74⅞
Fluor Corp	41⅜	41⅞
Ford Motor	47⅞	46⅜
Fort James	27⅞	27⅜
Fortune Brands	28⅜	28⅞
Franklin Res	30⅞	30⅞
GTE Corp	51⅜	51⅜
Gannett	58⅜	59⅜
Gap Inc Del	60⅜	60⅜
Gateway 2000	53⅞	52⅜
Gen Dynamics	46⅞	47⅞
Gen Electric	77⅜	79
Gen Mills	65⅞	66
Gen Motors	59⅞	59⅞
Gen Reinsurance	205	207⅜
Gen Signal	35⅞	36⅜
Genuine Parts	32	32⅜
Georgia Pac	38⅜	38⅞
Gillette	44⅜	43⅜
Glaxo Welc ADR	61⅜	60⅜
Goodrich (BF)	29⅜	29⅜
Goodyear Tire	49⅜	48⅜
Great Lakes	39⅞	40⅞
Halliburton	33⅜	33⅞
Harcourt General	47⅞	48⅞
Heinz (HJ)	54⅞	54⅞
Hercules	30	29⅜
Hershey Foods	66⅞	67⅞
Hewlett Packard	50⅞	50⅞
Hilton Hotels	18⅜	18⅜
Home Depot	41⅞	40⅞
Homestake Mng	11⅞	11⅜
Honeywell	68⅞	69⅜
Household Intl	41⅞	41⅜
Houston Inds	28⅜	28⅞
Humana	14⅞	14⅜
Ikon Office	7⅜	7⅜
Illinois Tool	48	48⅞
Illinova	26⅜	26⅞
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Kimberly-Clark	38⅜	38⅞
Kmart	14⅜	14⅜
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Lilly (Eli)	77⅜	76⅞
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Lincoln Nat	93⅜	92⅜
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Manpower Inc	26⅞	30⅜
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Marsh & McLnn	55	54⅜
Masco Corp	25⅜	26
May Dept St	58⅜	57⅜
Maytag Corp	50⅜	49⅜
McDonalds	58	58⅞
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Minnesota Mine	70⅞	70⅞
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Mylan Labs	28⅜	28⅞
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Silicon Graphics	10⅜	10⅜
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Sprint Corp	71⅜	72⅜
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Union Camp	37⅞	37⅞
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Union Pacific	39⅜	39⅞
Unisys Corp	23⅞	23⅜
United Tech	78⅜	79⅜
Unocal Corp	36	35⅜
VF Corp	38⅞	39⅞
Venator Group	10⅜	9⅞
Walgreen	42⅞	43⅜
Wal-Mart Stores	61⅞	61⅞
Warner-Lambert	72⅜	70⅜
Wells Fargo	324	322
Weyerhaeuser	40⅞	40⅞
Whirlpool	47⅜	46⅞
Whitman	15⅜	16⅞
Winn Dixie	38⅜	38⅞
Witco Corp	20⅞	21⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	75	76⅞
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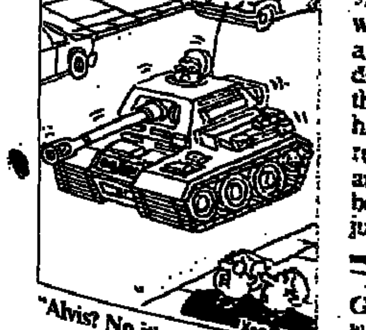
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Brown must depart from orthodoxy

When Gordon Brown flies into Tokyo this morning for talks with Japan's Finance Minister and central bank governor, he will be doing a great disservice if he simply parrots the well-worn line employed by the Group of Seven since the Asian crisis exploded a year ago.

Although the G7 had a perfect right to attempt to spur Japan's ruling and warring classes into action, its prescriptions are inadequate to tackle what has become a full-blown debt trap, compounded by an implosion of consumer confidence just when mobilising consumer savings is what is needed to haul Japan back to health.

Its advice not only lacks the radicalism that Japan's body politic so patently needs. It is also too devoted to the particular brand of free market orthodoxy pursued most notably by the International Monetary Fund and the US Treasury. Mr Brown has shown no sign of departing from this party line.

The G7's urgings, which may actually prove counterproductive as Japanese politicians become fed up with being lectured by foriegners, cover three areas. First has been an effort to prevent an even more dramatic devaluation of the yen. While this partly reflects fears of further pressure on other Asian economies to go through another round of competitive devaluation, it is also motivated by a desire to prevent Japan's problems leading to soaring trade deficits at home, particularly in America.

There is a potent argument in favour of letting the yen slide because Japan's return to health is a far bigger positive for Far Eastern economies than an intensification of short-term competitive pressures is an evil. The G7 will not play ball. Indeed, the only decisive policy response to Japan's problems so far has been some one-off intervention to stop the yen falling by the US Treasury.

The second thrust of G7 advice has involved repeated calls to Japan to reflate its economy which Tokyo, as we know, has failed to do to anything like the degree necessary. However, anything more radical doesn't feature in G7 advice and for an obvious reason. For years, industrialised countries have been preaching the virtues of fiscal discipline. How then can they lecture Japan to raise its budget deficit when it is already, as a proportion of GDP, twice the Maastricht treaty limit?

The third source of pressure has been G7 demands that Japan moves decisively to restructure its banking system. The conventional wisdom is that "crony capitalists", the catch-all cliché for Asia's liquidity crisis, must not be bailed out, that Japan's banks must be forced to fail and as quickly as possible.

The trouble with this approach is that a programme of shutting



down banks will lead to an even more catastrophic and permanent collapse of consumer confidence in Japan.

Japan's savings rate was relatively stable until Nissan Mutual went under, Japan's first life assurance failure. It soared and then showed signs of dipping. Then Yamaichi Securities failed and saving spiked sharply upwards again. Saving slipped a little recently but history has proved that another big financial or corporate failure will send it skywards again.

Just think what the Japanese consumer, used to relative prosperity and security, is now facing. Economic stagnation and now crisis has effectively ended the security of virtual life-time employment. As corporate bankruptcies surge, unemployment is soaring and may hit a postwar record of more than 5 per cent next year, higher even than during the 1974 oil crisis. Incomes in manufacturing are now falling for the first time in decades.

There is a total lack of trust in banks. On top of this, there is a bulging section of the population nearing retirement (with large savings that the Government would like to see spent) who, looking at the rising budget deficit, are scared that the Government will renege on their pensions.

The last thing that Japan needs is the forced close-down of many of its banks, however strong the arguments for flushing out concealed bad debt and bankrupt banks being kept artificially in business.

Japan has, of course, floated a plan for a bridge bank, an institution similar to the Resolution Trust Corp in America that bought up and sold on hundreds of failed savings and loans (S&Ls). There are real doubts about this, not least because Japanese opposition parties are still vehemently against using public money to bail out banks. Further, American experience, as David Folkerts-Landau and Peter Garber, of Deutsche Bank, note, suggests that bridge banks are normally failures. Banks that are put under effective receivership are very rarely restored to health and have to be liquidated in any case.

Given the severity of Japan's situation, something much more radical should be considered. The bridge bank is quasi-nationalisation, Graham Turner, of Tokai Bank in London, notes, but still a halfway house. He suggests the Government should consider the option of full-scale nationalisation, coupled with an order that banks lend at zero interest (compared with real rates of up to 4.5 per cent now).

Of course, such a notion is anathema not only to the G7 but also to Japan's opposition parties. But gone is the time for half-heartedness and delay. Japan's non-performing loans have risen, on official estimates, from Y12.8 trillion (£5.7 billion) in the summer of 1993 to Y77 trillion in March 1998, a worse rate of deterioration than in the case of S&Ls. At this rate, Deutsche Bank says, "it will not take long to reach the order of magnitude of national product".

It is to be hoped that Mr Brown today shows a sensitivity to a sovereign nation's right to make its own policies, a sense of the graveness of the situation and a departure from orthodox economics which are no longer adequate to the task.

Why China can ride out the Asian crisis

Alasdair Murray analyses a range of special factors that have helped Beijing to keep devaluation at bay while more advanced economies suffer

Friday night in the Hotpoint club in central Beijing and young affluent Chinese rub shoulders with a smattering of Western students and expatriate workers. House music blares from the speakers, the drinks are overpriced, over-eager extroverts rush to take part in a dancing competition.

It is a scene resembling that in any big City in the West but this kind of hedonistic abandon would have been unthinkable ten years ago, let alone in the dark days of the Cultural Revolution. In theory, the club exemplifies the sort of entrepreneurial spirit that the Government is keen to encourage. Yet the Government is unhappy. The club is owned by the army and the profits are finding their way into back pockets of the generals, not some rising businessman. The Government has promised to crack down on the business interests of the army and police. Despite the rhetoric, it is finding that its efforts to free the economy from the State are causing unanticipated turmoil. In the West, China has become synonomous with only one issue — devaluation. With the rest of Asia in the grip of a devastating financial crisis, analysts have become increasingly sceptical of China's ability to remain aloof from the region's problems.

China seems to share many of the symptoms of economic malaise with its neighbours. Exports to the Asian region are down, economic growth appears to be stagnating and foreign investment is drying up. China has also suffered its own property collapse. China's mega-cities — Beijing, Shanghai and Guandong — have witnessed a vast building boom in the past few years, changing them almost out of recognition.

In Shanghai some two million people have been relocated for developments such as the 84-storey Jinmau building in Prudong, built at a cost of $540 million (£320 million). The building towers over the European settlement at the Bund, once the base of Western capitalism in China, a physical symbol of China's new drive to modernise. Like many of the other developments in City, the Jinmau lies mostly empty, a victim of Shanghai's vast commercial property glut. China-based experts, however, are less convinced that the country is on the verge of an Asian-style crisis. They accept that it is not immune from the surrounding crisis, but say parallels such as the commercial property collapse are misleading. China is not Hong Kong, and commercial property is only a tiny proportion of the total economy.

Above all, they believe that devaluation is a red herring. Exports to Asia have fallen, but no more than could be expected given the huge drop in growth in the region. In contrast, exports to the West have continued to grow and the country is still running a healthy trade surplus across the first half of the year. China's exports to the US rose 18.4 per cent in the first half of the year while exports to the EU have risen 25 per cent.

China is in no danger of a massive outflow of investment because the yuan currency remains only partially convertible. In fact, China may have as much to lose as it would gain from devaluation. Most economists believe that such a move would simply trigger a further round of competitive devaluations in the region. Even without it, China would win little competitive labour remains the cheapest in the region.

For the Government, devaluation is a political not an economic weapon. It has won plaudits from the West and, in particular, America for its firm stance against devaluation. Analysts believe that the country's sensible economic behaviour will prove a useful bargaining tool as its seeks to join the World Trade Organisation and attempts to remove the last few US trade sanctions.

Amid the discussion about the pressures for devaluation, the fact that China is still a predominantly control economy in the throes of reform appears to have been forgotten.

The country possesses a huge loss-making state industrial sector. Only 300 companies are believed to make a profit, which leaves some 100,000 enterprises to be propped up by the Government. The state banking sector is riddled with bad loans. Add in the natural disaster created by the recent floods, which is estimated to have affected some 300 million people and is expected to knock at least 0.5 percentage points off GDP growth, and it becomes clear why devaluation is not uppermost in the minds of the Chinese leaders. Zhu Rongji, the Prime Minister, is desperate to continue liberalising the economy but is fearful that the very process of reform — bankrupting thousands of state-owned enterprises and making millions unemployed — will prove too painful for the economy to bear.



The people of Beijing are being encouraged to be entrepreneurial while the Government retains considerable control

In the shadow of the Great Wall, north of Beijing, lies a glimpse of the two faces of China. The steep wooded limestone hills, which have provided the City with a natural defence for thousands of years, are scarred by quarrying. The occasional boom echoes across the hills, shaking the windows of buildings in the valley below, as quarriers blast the rockface. When the state-owned cement factory is working, the valley is choked with smoke and dust from the plant's primitive kiln chimneys. For the moment, however, the valley is clean because the factory lacks the funds to operate. No one is sure when it will re-open.

Just down the road, however, is a second cement factory owned by Lafarge, the French building materials company. It uses the latest production techniques, leaving little polluting evidence that it is even in operation. The plant manager jokes that Lafarge customers still sometimes turn up at the neighbouring state-owned factory convinced by the absence of smoke that the Lafarge plant is not working. It has made a successful start, and is operating well above nominal capacity. Lafarge would like to add a second line to lift capacity to Western levels. It has a 550-strong workforce, far more than necessary to operate the lines, but has resisted making large-scale redundancies. A large proportion of the long-established workforce is still officially registered as farmers. They they would receive only minuscule unemployment benefit because the Government would say that they still have farms to provide subsistence. Lafarge hopes that the second line will take up the slack, but for the moment workers have been shifted into auxiliary services.

The Chinese Government is officially in favour of Lafarge expanding the plant. Yet the process of issuing a new licence has been long and tortuous as it tries to balance its commitment to reform with its fear that Lafarge will quickly put its inefficient state-owned competitors out of business. Lafarge is confident of ultimately winning a licence but has effectively had to provide its own solution to the Government's dilemma. It is offering to supply limestone from its own quarry to enable the neighbouring plant to become a rock crushing operation and remain alive.

Officially, unemployment in China stands at 3 per cent. However, like all Chinese statistics, this needs to be taken with a pinch of salt. The figure excludes some 900 million people registered as farmers, many of whom like the workers at the Lafarge cement factory have long since ceased working on the land.

No one is quite sure what kind of growth rate is needed to keep unemployment levels reasonably static. The Government itself has set an 8 per cent target for GDP. Some pessimists believe that this year the Chinese economy could record zero growth, but most regional analysts argue the country should achieve a rate of about 4 to 6 per cent. Kwok Chuen-Kwok, chief economist at Standard Chartered, is one of the local economists who believes that the Government will meet its target, pointing to an upturn in consumer sales and the rate of fixed-asset investment as evidence that China is pulling out of a slowdown.

There is some cause to take an optimistic approach to China's prospects. Paradoxically, the vestiges of the control economy that are at the root of its problems also provide a short-term solution. China is protected from the speculative attacks that have floored its neighbours, leaving it free to use its control levers to try to reflate the economy. The Government is issuing $46 billion of bonds this year to fund some huge infrastructure investments. The beauty of this plan is that the Government has ordered the state-controlled banks to buy the bonds using their huge reserves of savings. Such blatant intervention would be unacceptable in a free-market economy and there are serious doubts about the viability of some of the chosen projects.

The Government is also keen to encourage rapid development in the residential housing market. Unlike commercial property, this sector has severe shortages. Many of those living in towns and cities endure conditions that are among the most cramped in the world. Some 90 per cent of homes are state-controlled. The banks are being encouraged to provide mortgages, state-owned enterprises have been told to sell their housing stock to raise funds while the city councils are busy pushing up rents. Chi Lo, senior international economist at HSBC, believes that housing market reforms could generate as much as $150 billion, or 7 per cent of projected GDP, in the next two years.

China is also relaxing its rigid labour migration laws, originally designed to prevent a mass exodus from the land, but now effectively creating a huge shadow workforce in the big cities. Shanghai, for instance, is estimated to have three million residents who should not officially be in the city. The partial loosening of the law is designed to permit the more economically successful of the migrants to take an economic stake in their new homes.

Mr Lo expects the housing market to be boosted by three further rate cuts over the next year. China is already experiencing heavy deflation — retail prices fell 3.2 per cent in July — providing ample opportunity to cut rates further. They stand at about 12 per cent in real terms.

The flipside of these expansionary plans is that the pace of China's other reform plans has been slowed. The banks are estimated to have bad loans worth $210 billion — some 25 per cent of their loan books. To avoid a catastrophic collapse, the Government has stepped in to guarantee all the assets and liabilities of state banks and issued a $32 billion bond to recapitalise their balance sheets. The banks are under pressure to commercialise their operations, but bad loans are being written off at just $9 billion a year. The Government's goal is for the newly created private banking sector to take up the slack, allowing it to gradually wind down the state sector's operations.

The reform of state-owned industry is also following a softly, softly strategy. The Government has targeted the largest 1,000 companies to remain in state hands, although most are likely to be merged and reformed into *Chaebol*-like organisations. The vast rump of the sector will slowly be left to its own devices — to become corporations, merge, even go bankrupt — although the word privatisation is never mentioned.

It is a vast and complex undertaking. As Mr Lo says: "The Government is walking a tightrope between using inflation to bail out the system or cutting debts, prompting further devaluation." Yet experts in the East are confident that China will survive the process. Unlike some countries in the region, China has a stable and competent Government. Its one-party system may well be part of the problem, but for now it allows China's political class to weather a higher pain threshold than the rest of Asia.

And it is not just economists who have faith in China's future. Lafarge remains sufficiently confident of the Government's intentions to have commited a further $150 million last week to a new cement plant in Sichuan. Overall foreign direct investment may have fallen, hardly surprising given the high levels of investment from elsewhere in Asia, but the toral is still expected to reach $30 billion this year. The money has also been concentrated in larger projects, suggesting that Western companies, like Lafarge, are not just testing the water but making a long-term commitment to the country. As one businessman said: "China should not be underestimated. The country still works."

TENDER OFFER BY THE ISRAEL FUND PLC

(the "Company") to repurchase up to 61,250,780 of its ordinary shares of US$0.10 each ("Ordinary Shares"), representing 40 per cent. of the existing issued share capital of the Company, at a price per Ordinary Share of 98 per cent. of the formula asset value per Ordinary Share as at 13th November, 1998 (the "Repurchase Price").

The Tender Offer is open to Qualifying Shareholders, being those shareholders on the register or deemed to be on the register at the close of business on 25th September, 1998 (the "Tender Offer Record Date"), and will close (unless extended) at 3.00 p.m. on 30th September, 1998 (the "Closing Date").

Summary of the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer

Under the Tender Offer, each Qualifying Shareholder is invited to sell Ordinary Shares to the Company on the following basis:

(i) each Qualifying Shareholder will be entitled to sell to the Company his "Entitled Amount", being such number of Ordinary Shares, rounded down to the nearest whole number, as represents 40 per cent. by number of such Shareholder's holding entered on the Company's register on the Tender Offer Record Date (subject to such percentage being scaled down equally among Qualifying Shareholders to take account of any Ordinary Shares issued by the Company on the exercise of any Warrants prior to the Closing Date, so that the aggregate number of Ordinary Shares which may be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the Tender Offer shall not exceed 61,250,780 Ordinary Shares); and

(ii) a mix and match facility is available under which Qualifying Shareholders may tender Ordinary Shares in excess of their Entitled Amount; such excess tenders will be satisfied to the extent that other Qualifying Shareholders have not taken up all or any part of their Entitled Amount, pro rata to the amount in excess of the Entitled Amount tendered (rounded down to the nearest whole number of Ordinary Shares).

The Tender Offer is conditional upon the following occurring prior to 28th February, 1999: (i) confirmation of the cancellation of the Company's share premium account by the court and such cancellation becoming effective; (ii) the passing of a special resolution to approve the Tender Offer and to authorise the Company to enter into the contract to purchase the tendered Ordinary Shares at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for 3.00 p.m. on 20th October, 1998 (or any adjournment thereof) (the "EGM"); and (iii) the despatch of the compensation due to Warrantholders following the cancellation of the Warrants under the terms and conditions of the Warrants; (together the "Conditions"). At any time before the completion of the repurchases of Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer, the Company reserves the right, in certain circumstances, in its absolute discretion, to terminate the Tender Offer.

The number of Ordinary Shares tendered under the Tender Offer is expected to be announced by the Company by 10.00 a.m. on 5th October, 1998. A list of tendering shareholders together with the form of purchase contract will be available for inspection at the Company's registered office at Princes Court, 7 Princes Street, London EC2R 8AQ and at the offices of Linklaters & Paines, One Silk Street, London EC2M 2TX for at least 15 days ending with the date of the EGM and at the EGM itself. If the Conditions are satisfied the settlement of purchase of Ordinary Shares is expected to take place on 20th November, 1998.

This is a summary of the terms of the Tender Offer full details of which are contained in the Tender Offer document dated 14th September, 1998 (the "Circular").

Procedures for tendering

The Circular and its accompanying Tender Form have been posted by the Company to registered holders of Ordinary Shares. Qualifying Shareholders wishing to tender Ordinary Shares should lodge their duly completed Tender Forms, together with their share certificates and/or other documents of title by post to Bank of Scotland, Corporate Actions, Apex House, 9 Haddington Place, Edinburgh, EH7 4AL, or by hand to that address so as to arrive not later than 3.00 p.m. on the Closing Date (30th September, 1998, unless extended). Copies of the Circular and Tender Form may be obtained (by Shareholders and Warrantholders) from Bank of Scotland, Corporate Actions at the address above.

The terms and conditions of the Company's warrants (the "Warrants") grant Warrantholders the right to exercise their Warrant subscription rights to subscribe for Ordinary Shares, up until the Closing Date, on the terms on which such subscription rights could have been exercised on the last preceding annual Warrant subscription date (31st July, 1998). Following any such exercise, such Warrantholders will be entitled to participate in the Tender Offer in respect of their newly issued Ordinary Shares as if they had been Shareholders on the Tender Offer Record Date.

The Tender Offer is not being made, directly or indirectly, in or into, or by use of the mails of, or by any means of instrumentality (including, without limitation, facsimile transmission, telex and telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or of any facility of a national securities exchange of, the United States, Canada, Australia or Japan and Qualifying Shareholders may not tender Ordinary Shares into the Tender Offer by any such use, means, instrumentality or facility or from within the United States, Canada, Australia or Japan.

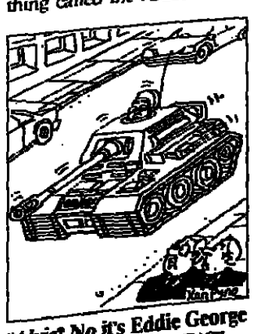
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THE French Government starts the privatisation of Credit Lyonnais, the disaster-prone bank, this week, and some clever computer hacker is already causing the authorities huge embarrassment by flashing pornographic images on what appears to be the bank's official website.

I am not going to give the address, but play around with variations on the bank's name and you come up with something called the Arabian Net, promising "nudity and heterosexual, bisexual, homosexual and transsexual sexual situations", which certainly appears to cover most of the waterfront. As the saying goes, at this stage I made my electronic excuses and left the Web, but an expert tells me that someone has registered the website and then linked it with a pornographic one somewhere else, a job of only a few minutes for a trained nerd.

The Credit Lyonnais people in London say the offending site was first identified two weeks ago in France, and they are trying to have it shut down. They claim this sort of thing is terribly common. It happens; but it is normally the result of corporate blackmail, and CL says no approach has been made, so this is probably just mischief-making.



"Alvis? No it's Eddie George on his way to the TUC"

GOOD news for those of us who gain enjoyment from the daft political manoeuvring surrounding City elections. Anthony Bull, who has served as one kind of councillor or another for almost 30 years and is a long-time opponent of the regime, has decided to run for sheriff's office.

This is the step before becoming Lord Mayor. Despite his seniority — 14 years an Alderman — Bull has regularly been blackballed, on the strange grounds that the Aldermen themselves can decide, against the run of the evidence, who is the most senior. I hear Bull may at last be on for his moment of glory in next summer's election, and thereafter may make it to Lord Mayor. With the whole nonsense about to be updated in the long-awaited franchise reforms, it seems the Old Guard might have grown tired of shutting him out. We shall see.

Ladies last

GILL CARRICK of City headhunters Goddard Kay Rogers is less than pleased by a letter that confirms that she and 11 other "ladies" — the club's words — are not eligible for the £35,000 payout that male members of the RAC are getting from the Cendant takeover.

All this is true — in a roundabout way. Carrick was encouraged to join 14 years ago, when women were barred, so the only way she could join was to become a corporate member. Such are not eligible for the payout, the High Court has ruled.

The RAC says she and the others are not losing out because of their gender, but because those were the rules. These have since been changed. Except there is a catch. So recent was the change that no female applicants, corporate or otherwise, could be processed before the Cendant offer. So none are eligible for the money. Bizarre, in 1998, but true.

Derailed

HEAVEN knows why anyone would wish to promote Richard Branson when he is so obviously up to the job himself, but Ken White, a civil servant, is in trouble after painting the Virgin Trains livery on the side of his car. "Our main concern is that your use of the logo may imply this vehicle is endorsed by the Virgin Group," says an official letter. White is unrepentant. It may be his choice of vehicle. The livery is on his three-wheeled Robin Reliant.

MARTIN WALLER



Virgin does not encourage others to use its livery

Modest gains at the close

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
646	453	Allied Domecq	485	+1	5.1	11.8
412½	295	Bulmer (HP)	336	+1	5.6	14.5
42½	8½	Burn Stewart	11	..	19.3	
795	432	Diageo	565	-9	3.8	25.5
900	755	Glenmorangie A	830	..	2.1	19.3
325	225	Highland Dist	232	..	4.8	10.7
215	131½	Matthew Clark	131½	-2½	12.4	4.5
59½	35½	Mirymar W	35½			
2021⅝	746½	SA Breweries	746½	-9½	4.3	11.7

BANKS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1618½	1121¼	ABN-AMRO	1178¼	-3½	2.8	16.2
1345	951	Abbey Natl	1139	+24	3.4	17.7
1032	585	Alliance & Leicst	892	+27	3.1	16.8
1000½	587½	Allied Irish	778½	+12	2.5	21.6
458½	293½	Aus New Z	318½	+14½	6.4	..
6075	3237½	Bank America	3618½	-150		
813	431	Bank Scotland	592½	+12½	2.1	15.8
1996	1056	Barclays	1090	-26	4.5	10.0
1332½	886½	Bk of Ireland	936½		2.7	15.2
5109½	5203½	Calcorp	5668½	-121½		
1718½	1565	Commerzbk	1718½	+21½	3.2	
549½	237½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	271½	+3½	1.4	59.0
5368½	3518½	Deutsche Bk	3668½	+9½	1.7	
1306½	1153½	Espirito Santo	1165½	+3½	3.2	
531	144½	Fuji Bank Y	167½	+½	2.3	33.7
2073	1125	HSBC	1174	-4	5.6	10.7
2002	937	HSBC HK	1148	+3	5.7	10.5
1000	648½	Halifax	783	+15	3.9	21.5
842½	587	Irish Perm	672½		2.4	19.5
1090	627	Lloyds TSB	677	+2	3.4	19.4
916½	713½	Nat Aust Bk	736½	+20½	4.5	
1244	751	Nat Westm	909	-7	4.6	15.6
673	455	Northern Rock	525	-5	2.6	17.5
1140	565	Royal Bk Scot	755	-14	3.7	14.0
1050	411	Stand Chartt	421	-4½	5.8	7.2
£164¼	£164½	Wells Fargo	£164¾		1.9	
439	314	Westpac	327½	+13½	3.9	
400	300	Woolwich	353½	+13½	3.5	17.1

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
332½	260	Arn Shoal Grp	270		5.1	9.0
1195	765	Bass	822	+5	4.3	14.3
81½	50½	Brit for the Bot	52		4.8	16.9
197½	144½	Bulmond Brw	159		5.0	11.2
162½	82	City Centre Rest	83		4.7	12.6
700	230½	Compass Grp	600	-18	1.0	39.4
342½	221½	Eldridge P A	221½	-1	3.5	10.8
384½	234	Enterprise Inns	264		1.7	15.1
552½	425	Fuls Sm A	502½		2.8	14.2
538	346	Greenalls Grp	358½	-2½	6.0	8.5
760	521	Greene King	586½	+5	3.8	10.7
358	212½	Groupe Chez Ger	224		1.9	15.5
281½	204½	Hardy Hanson	214	+5½	6.9	9.3
2175	1750	Hall J	1755		4.8	8.5
76	46½	Inn Business	49		4.8	6.6
317	240	Mansfield	242½		4.1	9.3
360½	203½	Mission Thmp	221½		5.0	9.6
472½	350	Morland	361½	+2½	4.6	9.6
384½	213½	Old Eng Pub	216½	-2	1.7	15.3
35	21½	Paramount	21½			
950	562½	PizzaExpress	637½	-4½	0.7	28.8
377½	205	Ramsdens (H)	215		2.9	22.6
388½	132	Regent Inns	150	-11	3.1	
337½	136½	SFI	148	-10	1.1	12.2
950	701	Scot & New	774½	26½	1.8	14.6
303½	137½	Stag & Lettuce	207½		3.9	
361	227	Vaux Group	277	-2	5.1	11.4
342	160	Wetherspoon JD	160½	-7	1.7	
1145	700	Whitbread	771	-53	4.2	13.8
568½	403½	Wolvhmptn D	403½	-6½	6.0	8.7
568½	312½	Yates Bros	313½		1.4	19.4
827½	592½	Young A	595	-2½	3.4	21.1

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
122	77½	European Mtrl	78½		9.7	5.9
305	177	Evans Halshaw	178½	-2½	11.9	5.7
87½	39½	Fife Indmart	80½		5.9	8.8
400½	212½	Finelist Grp	223		5.0	..
78	14	Gadinet	21		6.0	9.3
82½	56½	Glenchewton	57½		4.7	7.2
135½	89½	Gowrings	105		4.4	9.2
20½	12½	HR Owen	14½	-1½	7.6	7.9
405	250	Headlam	260		3.6	12.5
160	105	Holders Tech	107½		7.8	5.9
120	39½	ISA Intl	56	-3	7.3	7.8
250	136½	Inchcape	141	-4	8.5	17.3
80	55½	Jacks (Wm)	56½		7.7	5.3
583½	351½	Kwik-Fit	437½	+3½	1.9	19.7
614	402½	Lex Service	415½	-10½	5.8	9.7
123	75	Lookers	80		12.9	5.2
575	351	Menzies (John)	377½		3.7	15.1
5½	1½	Middlesex	2½	+¼		
29½	14½	Midstates	20		3.0	5.2
326½	220	Nortale	257½		4.7	12.4
284½	157½	Northamber	177½		2.1	11.8
342	169½	Partco	181		6.4	11.0
312½	155½	Pendragon	156½		9.1	6.9
356	122½	Perry Gp	122½		10.0	4.6
443	191½	Premier Farnell	193	-4½	8.4	7.6
164½	105½	Quicks Group	105½	-2	9.5	6.8
365	85	REA	95		4.2	16.3
3	1½	Reece	1½		..	
38½	21½	Ring	27½	+1		
12½	4½	Ronson	4½	..	..	..
5½	3½	Ross Gp	3½	..	..	8.4
112½	66½	Rylandt	67	-1	8.4	4.9
31½	11	SEP Indl	12½	-10½	13.0	5.9
30	10	Salite	12			
290	177½	Sanderson Bram	182½	-1½	4.0	6.1
67½	34	Sergemoor	34	-1	7.4	8.1
273½	176½	Sytner	183½		4.7	8.7
195½	70½	Time Products	70½	-19	19.6	5.0
235	132½	Trust Moto Grp	227½		1.4	4.0
440	305	UMECO	314	-1	2.8	14.5
124	74	United Carriers Gp	82	+½	1.6	18.1
299½	195	Vardy (Reg)	197½	+1	5.2	8.3
840	656	WF Elect	795		2.8	20.1
192½	91½	Wyko	93½	+½	4.8	
165½	113½	Young (H)	114		5.2	7.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
330	160	Antofagasta	161	+1	4.5	11.8
642	406½	Broken Hill	452½	+8½	4.0	
43½	14½	Brierley Inv	15½	+1	19.7	3.9
485	329½	Brit Amer Tob	444	-1	6.6	9.4
277½	189	Cosalt	189	-1	7.7	6.4
613	350	DCC	350		2.7	11.3
433	302	Galliford	400	-10	5.2	13.2
450½	235	Hutch Whamp	293	+7½	4.3	
565½	383½	Imperial Tob	550	-5	5.0	13.2
335½	93½	Jardine Math	127½	+9	11.7	6.1
94½	42½	Lonrho Alnct	55½	+4½	5.2	13.9
623½	420	Powell Duffryn	430		7.4	10.6
147	92	Staveley	103	+1½	10.9	25.5
368½	158½	Swire Pacific	176½	+1	7.7	5.6
393½	215	Tomkins	231½	+1½	5.9	9.6
250	175	Unitas	180		9.0	9.1
570	335	Wardle Storeys	335	-3½	7.8	8.7
381½	242	Wassall	243	-½	3.2	11.1
135½	48½	Whitecroft	48		12.1	7.8

ELECTRICITY

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615½	310	Br Energy	568	-4	3.2	21.4
454	298½	National Grid	438	+1	3.4	22.1
700	470	National Power	542	+10	6.2	11.5
900	701	PowerGen	830	-13	4.4	13.0
638½	502½	Hydro-Electr	633½	+6	3.8	14.1
637	475	Scottish Power	563½	-14½	4.5	13.7
643	467	Southern Elect	638	-12½	4.7	16.3
625	522	Viridian	616½	+1½	4.7	14.0

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1325	715	ARM Holdings	965	-5		
410	233½	Acal	280	+2½	4.9	9.8
1492½	690	Admiral	1070	+17½	0.4	49.5
58½	27½	Amstrad	28	-1	2.2	
51	25	Arlen	26	+½	6.2	8.6
129½	43½	Astec	52	+½	2.6	5.8
47½	43½	Azlan	44			
182½	77	BICC	79		13.3	
460	260	Bk	400	+10	4.5	13.1
604½	345	Bowthorpe	381½	-8	3.7	14.6
18	12	Bulgin A	13		12.0	7.6
305½	149½	CML Micro	163½		5.4	15.4
37½	8	Channel Hldgs	9		7.6	
51	38½	Chloride	44½	-½	2.2	13.5
912½	562½	Critchley	557½		3.2	13.3
342½	121½	Delta	121½	-12½	13.7	5.6
451	392	Domino	408½		3.9	13.9
77½	43½	Dowding Mills	47½		9.1	
320	240	Druck	302½		0.8	26.9
1250	825	Electrolux B	893½	-34½	10.8	23.2
28	17	Emess	21½		3.4	17.9
2006½	1065½	Ericsson B	1328½	-75	1.0	28.1
491½	311	Eurotherm	425		2.9	18.7
590	230½	Farey Group	240	-5	5.4	8.0
587½	395	Filtronic	449		0.6	26.4
18½	7½	Forward Tech	10½			
577½	338	GEC	474	+1	3.0	20.4
49½	20	Ind Control	21½	+1		
22	15	Integex	17		6.6	13.6
215	158½	Jasmin	163½	+1	7.9	
92	54½	LPA	63	-1	4.7	20.3
1004½	445	Mitel	634½	+4½		
180½	42½	Network Tech	43½		3.7	4.9
372	210	Oxford Instr	234	-1	4.3	10.3
111	23½	Pace Micro	89½		0.7	
6271½	3450	Philips Lmp nv	3550	-87½	1.4	15.4
98½	38½	Plasmon	70	-2½		
311½	184½	Pressac	221		2.5	18.5
60½	21½	Prestwick	23		6.0	6.5
735	204	Psion	502½	+1½	0.6	48.1
437	243½	Racal Elect	362½	+4	2.1	
97½	44½	Radamec	52½		7.4	11.5
505	335	Renishaw	335	-2½	3.4	19.8
1½	0½	Rodime	1			
282½	177	Roxboro	197½	-1	4.6	10.2
361½	202½	SDX Bus Sys	325		1.0	32.0
377½	142½	Servomex	147½	-40	8.2	8.7
59½	35½	Silvermines	40½		4.6	7.8
5012½	4000	TDK	4409½	+16½	0.6	
72½	49½	TGI	52	-2	8.8	5.7
184½	88½	TLG	181½	-2½	2.5	32.8
48½	5½	Tadpole Tech	11½			
67½	31½	Telemetrix	38½		5.5	
365	70	Telspec	70½	-3½	0.2	10.1
159½	109½	Thorpe FW	136½	+9	4.2	7.4
159½	67½	Total Systems	70		2.9	10.3
18	5½	Ultima Networks	6			
111	62½	Verity	75	+1	0.2	
40½	16	Vigilen Technology	24		2.1	
660	480	Volex	544	-1	5.2	13.5

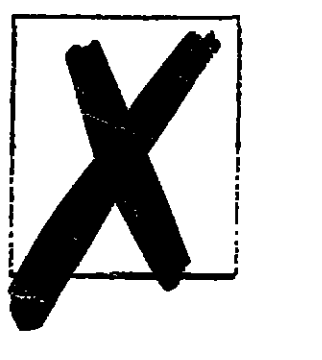
1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
930	526½	GKN	672	-11	2.3	8.0
4671½	3267½	General Mtr	5516½	+53½	3.4	
611	414½	Hanlyst	453	-1	4.6	11.4
2403½	1967½	Honda Motor	1975½	+8	0.4	15.5
480	182½	Laird	186½	+1	7.9	6.0
288	189	LucasVarity	194	-5½	3.1	11.5
244½	157	Mayflower	163½	-2½	2.3	14.6
136	95½	Sytone	108½		7.9	9.2
261	252½	T & N	259		4.4	15.0
31½	19½	Toad	19½			
51½	33½	Wilmot	37	-½	3.4	10.6

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
670	455	AB Food	530	-5	2.4	16.6
270	180	Acatos & Hutch	190	+2½	6.9	..
37	10½	Albert Fisher	10½	-¼	..	4.1
285	155	Banks (S C)	180		8.0	8.4
513	378½	Barr (AG)	382		5.5	7.4
45	34	Bensons Crisp	41		5.2	8.6
360	113½	Booker	117½	-38	22.0	5.9
1077½	571½	Brake Bros	782½	-4	1.8	21.4
125	85	CPL Aromas	92½		6.5	7.9
895	600	Cadbury-Schwpp	872½	-17½	2.1	22.8
262	85	Carrs Milling	85½		16.6	4.3
345½	234½	Cranswick	300½		4.8	12.3
371	253	Dairy Crest Group	291½	+6½	4.7	11.3
67	35	Daniels S	41½	+1	2.1	12.1
545½	191½	Devro	191½	-16	6.4	8.2
188½	136	Express Dairies	130	-4	7.7	10.1
167½	85½	Finlay (James)	86½		5.1	6.5
611	404	Geest	441		2.8	17.7
15½	8½	Global	11½		7.6	14.7
360	222	Greencore	255		3.4	14.0
240½	164½	Hazlewood Fds	179½		5.1	13.3
214½	125½	Hillsdown	125½	-6	9.2	7.9
415	368	Linton Park	385	-1½	7.7	4.4
124	86	Matthews (B)	102		5.3	15.6
30	13	Nil	13½		2.7	6.1
227½	148½	Nichols (JN)	164	+1½	6.1	8.8
240	159½	Nthn Foods	179	-½	4.5	16.3
225½	116	PIC Intl	116½	-3	5.2	12.8
149½	89½	Paramount Foods	148½		4.4	17.0
57	28½	Pascoes	28½	-1		
160½	82½	Perkins Food	140		3.3	14.6
88	52½	Plaid & Gen	53½	-½		
92	42	Sentry Farm	50	-1½	7.5	
39½	19½	Slimc Food	35	-1½	..	7.1
583	384	Tate & Lyle	380½	-4½	4.4	8.8
167	108½	Treatt	113½		6.7	8.8
738½	466½	Unigate	475½	-6	5.8	10.2
741	346½	Dalgety	542	-8	1.9	24.8
5053½	3500	Unilever (NV)	3996½	-46½	1.8	10.6
300	180	Utd Biscuits	216	-4	6.2	14.5
62½	44½	WT Foods	52		3.6	17.3

1998 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
220½	174½	Quaedo Inc Gl	181½		3.9	28.8
467	284½	Quaedo Smk	297	-½	4.4	25.2
60½	30½	Edin Dragon	31½	+½		
29½	11	Edinburgh Inca	11½	-½		
519	389½	Edinburgh IT	401½	-3	3.5	27.7
105	78½	Edin Japan	79½			
560	424½	Edin US Trkt	458½	+7½	1.5	
673	527	Electra Inv	540	-2	2.4	38.1
189½	133	Eng & Scott	137½	+2	3.4	29.8
605½	374	European Asst	467½	-4	1.1	
70½	31½	Fidity Asian Val	36½	+1		
398	274½	Fidity Euro Val	282	-1	0.2	
32½	24½	Fidity Jap Val	27	-½		
177½	124½	Fidity Spec Val	129		1.3	64.4
281	211½	Finsbury A	211½		2.4	
223	157	Finsbury Grwth	160	-2½	2.8	44.9
155½	67½	Five Arr Chile	67½	-½	2.7	41.1
18½	0½	Five Arr Wts	1			
648½	494	Fleming Amer	502	+3½	0.5	
64	29½	Fleming Asian	31½	+½		
12½	5	Fleming Asian Wts	7			
64½	24	Fleming Chinese	26½	+½		
27½	7½	Fleming Ch Wts	10	+½		
507½	401½	Fleming Claver	412½	-2	2.1	57.2
707½	471	Fleming Contl	528½	-11½	0.7	
134	55	Fleming Em Mkts	57½	+½		
392½	262½	Fleming Enpt	278½		2.4	59.3
411	307	Flem Grd Gth Ordy	312	-2	1.1	
166	143½	Flem Grd Gth Pd	164½		9.9	
132½	102½	Fleming Inc Cap	110½	-1	6.6	16.9
114½	105½	Fleming Ing Inct	111½		11.1	18.3
250½	246½	Fleming Ing Cap	258½	-2		
50½	30½	Fleming Indian	35½	+½		
12½	4	Fleming In Wts	7½	+½		
167½	110	Fleming Japan	119½	-½		
478	313½	Fleming Merc	328	+1½	4.2	29.7
92	47	Fleming Nat Res	57	+½	0.4	
438½	328½	Fleming Overs	351	+4½	1.1	
200½	120½	Fleming Smlr Co	130½	-½	4.3	37.9
506½	270½	Fleming US Dscy	275½		0.5	
210½	159½	Foreign & Colt	168		1.8	58.0
137½	97	F&C Inc Gwt	102½	+½	4.5	26.4
107½	29½	F&C Emg Mkts	32½	+½		
302½	185	F&C Enterprise	226½	+3	2.2	49.0
577	361½	F&C Eurotst	422½	-3	0.8	
131	85	F&C Pacific	86½	-½	2.7	45.1
182½	144½	F&C PEP	153		3.7	33.4
227	160½	F&C Smaller	165½		2.3	42.6
179½	120½	F&C US Smlr	127½	+½		
70½	60½	Framlin Inct	65½	-1	10.1	11.1
173½	109	Framlin Cap	115½	-1		
295	107	Frant Dual Cp	112½	-1½		
63½	38½	Fulcrum Cap	40			
22½	9	Fulcrum Inct	9½		105.4	0.9
197½	188	Fulcrum Zero	195½			
335	270½	Gartmore Brit	297	-1	3.5	32.1
369	242½	Gartmore Euro	283	+2	0.6	
158	110	Gartmore Shrtt	129	-1½	9.7	12.8
482½	282½	Gmore Smlr Cos	306	-2	2.5	45.2
86½	52½	Geared Inc Ord	59	-½	9.4	10.5
62	51½	Geared Inc Inc	54½	-½	10.2	9.8
108	101	Geared Inc 0 Pt	107½			
103	31	Gov Asn Sm Cos	32½		2.1	51.2
92½	37½	Gov Emg Mks	42	+1½	1.5	55.4
98½	77	Govett High Inct	81½	+½	8.6	
108½	55½	Govett Oriental	58½	+½	1.5	47.4
499	346	Govett Strategic	373	+1½	2.6	35.3
35½	19½	Gresham House	30½		1.5	23
147½	110½	GT Inc Growth	113½	+1	3.7	25.1
180½	120	GT Japan	129½	+½		
156½	114½	Guo Fi Ex Inc	132½		7.7	
78	61	Henderson Am Co	63½	+½		
122½	112	Henderson Am In	116½	-½	8.4	12.9
46	29	Henderson Am Wt	32½			
374	281½	Hend Elec Gent	297	+1½	1.7	61.2
132½	74½	Hend Far Esstt	76½	+¼	1.1	10.9
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Healey & Baker sold to US firm for £70m

By Carl Mortished

HEALEY & BAKER yesterday became the third top firm of British property agents to sell out to American investors this year. The partnership has accepted a £70 million offer to merge its business with Cushman & Wakefield, a private US firm of real estate agents controlled by Mitsubishi Estate.

Based in Hanover Square, Healey & Baker traces its origins back to 1820 but today boasts a staff of 750 and owns operations in 14 countries.

Paul Orchard-Lisle, the senior partner, said that the two firms had been working together for eight years and that a merger was the next logical step. "The way of the world is that leading businesses will operate on a global basis," he said. "We are finding that clients want a single service provider worldwide."

A complex deal will make multimillionaires of the partners while giving shares in Cushman & Wakefield to the staff. Healey & Baker will carry on trading as a partnership under its own name with responsibility for Europe and the Middle East within C&W's worldwide network.

Mr Orchard-Lisle's 3.85 per cent stake in the partnership, will generate a gain of £2.7 million but the senior partner, who will continue to run the UK partnership, said that the taxman would be claiming some £20 million of the £70 million consideration.

Healey & Baker staff are being locked into the firm with contracts offering significant performance-related bonuses. About £25 million of the £70 million payout is being set aside to buy shares in Cushman & Wakefield to be distributed among equity and salary partners as well as to other staff.

Healey & Baker's move follows the £59 million takeover of rival Hillier Parker by CB Richard Ellis in July. Earlier in the year the Richard Ellis partnership was torn asunder in a dispute over an offer from two separate American firms. The international arm was acquired by CB Commercial and Insignia bought the UK partnership.

Cushman & Wakefield was founded in 1917 and employs 5,500 people across the US. Last year Healey & Baker had fee income of £55 million and the firm estimates that revenue in the the current year will total £65 million. C&W's estimated 1998 turnover is $500 million (£300 million), providing a total of £368 million for the combined operation.



Paul Orchard-Lisle, who described the deal with Cushman & Wakefield as the next logical step

Reshaped Britax advances

AN 18-MONTH reshaping programme at Britax International, the engineering group, helped increase interim profits by 21 per cent to £26.81 million from £22.21 million (Matthew Barbour writes).

The company, which finished its restructuring programme last month with the sale of its Dutch and British vehicle-leasing operations, saw profits improve in both the automotive equipment and aircraft interiors divisions by 20 per cent and 31 per cent respectively. Profits for the childcare products unit dropped 10.2 per cent to £7 million.

Turnover on continuing operations for the half to June 30 was £259.8 million (£191.41 million), while earnings per share increased 17 per cent to 5.25p (4.50p). Interim dividend is raised to 0.914p (0.85p).

Martin to defy the pessimists and open 80 pubs

By Robert Cole
City Correspondent

J D Wetherspoon, the pub company run by Tim Martin, is fighting against the increasing pessimism in the sector by pledging to open 70 to 80 new outlets this year, a similar number next year and to try to have doubled the size of its 252-strong chain by 2001.

Wetherspoon opened 68 pubs in its last financial year, 20 more than in the previous year. Meanwhile, Whitbread, one of Wetherspoon's oldest established competitors with 3,400 leased and managed pubs, said its was slowing down a £200 million expansion programme because of recessionary pressures and the price of high street sites.

The finance for the development will come from a combination of cash generated from profits, from debt and from money received in further sales and leaseback arrangements.

Wetherspoon's ambitious expansion plans, which it says will cost £60 million and create 2,000 jobs, comes as it reported improved pre-tax profits. But it also gave a disappointing update on current trading. "Like-for-like sales in the period since the year end decreased by 1 per cent." However, sales picked up after the first two weeks, which had been particularly slow.

In the last financial year to August 2, like-for-like sales grew by 2 per cent. The company said it would have been nearer 4 per cent but, because it has a policy of not having televisions in its pubs, sales had been affected by the football World Cup.

Pre-tax profits rose from £17.6 million to £20.2 million, and were bolstered by an additional £15 million of property profits generated as the company sold sites and then leased them back.

Earnings per share, before property profits, rose from 8.7p to 9.9p. The company is paying a final dividend of 1.45p, up from 1.32p, making a total for the year of 2.2p, 10 per cent ahead of last time.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Servomex suffers worst one-day fall

SHARES of Servomex suffered their sharpest one-day fall yesterday after the struggling gas instruments producer said its profits had dropped 75 per cent at the halfway stage. The company, which generates 80 per cent of its sales from overseas, blamed the strong pound for the decline, saying it suffered a £300,000 reverse on translation of profits. It also gave warning that the outlook was not good. Terry Clements, chairman, said: "In common with the majority of manufacturing exporters, we are finding that economic circumstances worldwide are adversely affected."

Its shares, which were trading at 370p six months ago, fell 21 per cent to a seven-year low of 147½p yesterday. Charterhouse Tilney, its house broker, now expects the company's profits to decline for the second year running, with £2.5 million for the full year. It had previously forecast £3.4 million. Servomex said its order book had declined 3.6 per cent, to £4.21 million. However, the company said its Buhler Montec water-monitoring division should improve over the next four months. Overall, earnings were 1.4p (5p) a share, and the interim dividend, due on October 30, was frozen at 2.85p.

Mucklow moves ahead

MUCKLOW, the commercial property group, saw the value of its property portfolio rise from £240 million to £267 million in the year to June 30. Over the period, the company bought a three million hectare industrial site in Wednesbury; the headquarters of Midlands Electricity, in Halesowen; and a car showroom in Cheltenham. Its overall vacancy rate fell from 21,700 sq ft to 16,800 sq ft. Its pre-tax profits were £13.4 million (£11.9 million) leaving earnings of 7.53p (7p) per share. The shares added 2p to 144½p.

IRG loss falls to £1.1m

INDEPENDENT RADIO GROUP, the Wigan company that controls radio stations in Scotland, the North West and the South East, yesterday announced a fall in pre-tax losses from £1.8 million to £1.1 million in the six months to June. Sales remained flat at about £1.7 million, while losses per share fell from 9.9p to 5.8p. John Bateson, the chairman, said: "The outlook for radio advertising is encouraging." He added that the second half would be hit by the delayed launch of a new station, Wire FM. The shares were unchanged at 64p.

Sales grow at Freeport

FREEPORT LEISURE, which runs factory outlet retail villages, said its tenants' like-for-like sales had grown 9 per cent over July and August. Freeport added 60,000 feet of selling space to its outlets over the year to June 27, allowing pre-tax profits to grow to £2.81 million (£1.78 million). Earnings were 10.63p (5.65p) and the final dividend doubles to 1p a share. The company said that it had little to fear from an economic downturn, as it was set up during a recession. Freeport shares jumped 17p to 325½p at yesterday's close.

Telewest share deal

TELEWEST COMMUNICATIONS said MediaOne International Holdings has conditionally agreed to acquire up to 180 million Telewest shares at $2.25 (£1.34) a share from Southwestern Bell. The exact number of shares will be decided over the coming weeks. Telewest said that under the terms of the company's agreements with certain of its main corporate shareholders, it has first offer rights with MediaOne over the shares. The purchase of the Southwestern stake will give MediaOne 29.9 per cent of Telewest shares.

TT seeks to buy back shares as profits increase

By Matthew Barbour

TT GROUP, the specialist engineering company, is looking to buy back about 20 per cent of its stock to bolster the company's plummeting share price.

Shares in TT closed down 3½p yesterday to reach a four-year low of 205p, having fallen from a high of 385p just four months ago.

John Newman, chief executive, said that, although at present the board has the right to repurchase up to only 10 per cent of the issued stock, it will be approaching shareholders to acquire a further 10 per cent.

"At the moment TT shares are better value than any others in the sector, and we have little choice but to prop up the disappointing share price," he said. He attributed the slump to a general malaise in the engineering sector.

The announcement came on the back of a 15 per cent rise in pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30 to £31.3 million (£27 million) on sales up 10 per cent to £324 million (£294 million).

Mr Newman said the growth in profits was the result of a "good performance" from the wire and cable business acquired in March last year, while the rest of the business had "good organic growth of just over 3 per cent".

While the Asian crisis did not have a "material" impact on the group, accounting for only 7 per cent of total sales, the strength of sterling took £0.8 million off first-half profits. "It's tough out there. We just have to respond to it," Mr Newman said.

He added that the level of TT's order book remains subdued, although he said that reflected a move by customers to adopt a "just-in-time demand" and thin inventories ahead of the August Bank Holiday.

Earnings per share are up to 12.7p (11.4p). The interim dividend will be 3.69p (3.22p).

Delta to cut 330 jobs as part of restructuring

By Adam Jones

UP TO 330 jobs are to go in the next six months at Delta, the engineer, as it tries to complete its restructuring while struggling with the downturn in Asia and the strength of the pound.

Delta said yesterday that pre-tax profits fell from £33.1 million to £23.2 million in the first half of the year, as the Asian financial turmoil hurt second quarter trading.

Exports of electrical equipment from the UK to Hong Kong and Malaysia were among the hardest-hit activities. This was partly balanced by an increase in exports out of Delta's circuit breaker factory in Malaysia but overall sales to the Asia-Pacific region slumped 12 per cent in the six months.

Delta said more normal order patterns had returned since the second quarter, albeit at lower levels. The group was also hit by a slowdown in the market for plumbing products in Germany and Spain. Stock levels had to be reduced, cutting profits by £2 million.

Jon Scott-Maxwell, chief executive, said the difficult trading conditions had obscured underlying performance "and the benefits from strategic moves we are making".

Delta cut its exposure to commodity cables, a market crippled by oversupply, through a complex asset swap with BICC earlier this year. It is also integrating acquisitions in circuit protection and raw material for dry cell batteries.

About 130 of the imminent job losses will be in the electrical division, including many office jobs in the UK, with a further 100 going across Europe in the plumbing division.

Earnings per share fell from 13.6p to 8.5p, including goodwill amortisation. The interim dividend, maintained at 4.5p, will be paid on December 1.

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Clump recruited by Card Clear

By Fraser Nelson

CARD CLEAR, the anti-fraud company that recently fired its chief executive for "misrepresenting the nature of a payment" has replaced him with Carl Clump.

Mr Clump has been working with Ernest Saunders at International Card Enterprises (ICE), the US petrol credit card company. He takes the helm in December. He will be recruited on a highly incentivised pay package, likely to be dominated by share options.

Nigel Whittaker, chairman, said: "Mr Clump was seconded to set up a pan-European petrol credit card — which shows he has expertise."

Mr Clump was made managing director of ICE four years ago, and Mr Saunders became chairman of the executive committee two years ago.

Mr Clump said he met Mr Saunders on a monthly basis. He said: "I would say that I get on with him and find his advice valuable."

Mr Whittaker said that Mr Clump would be given an "attractive pay package" but said the basic salary would not necessarily be more than the £200,000 a year enjoyed by Brian Raven, his predecessor.

Card Clear generates a substantial chunk of its business from petrol stations who use its databases to see whether credit cards have been stolen.

ICE, based in Minneapolis, runs the Overdrive and Dialcard fuel cards used by many British motorists.

Redrow attacks planning system

By Matthew Barbour

REDROW, the housebuilder, yesterday attacked Britain's planning system after announcing a 34 per cent rise in full-year pre-tax profits.

The company said that high interest rates and economic uncertainty in the past year had made market conditions "difficult", but insisted that the outlook was still positive.

Steve Morgan, chairman, said: "There remains an undoubted demand for new homes and I see no return to the boom-bust days."

However, he added: "There appears to be little political will in central and local government to address housing shortages. We appreciate that we should build on re-usable brownfield sites, but often it takes longer to get planning permission to build there than on greenfield sites. It makes a mockery of the Government's plans for urban regeneration."

Mr Morgan said: "We have a quality landbank in quality locations with a quality product to match. We have a strong forward sales position and feel confident that further progress will be maintained." Redrow would continue to expand all sides of its business, and would focus on the South, South East and South West.

Pre-tax profits for the year rose to £48.2 million (£36.1 million) on turnover up 21 per cent to £307.2 million. Earnings per share rose 38 per cent to 15.7p (11.4p). The full-year dividend rises to 4.05p (3.6p).

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US Eqy Safeguard	88.89	94.82		
Cash	956.57	961.35	+0.0013	6.25
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	374.19	398.20		
UK Small Cos	80.26	85.84	..	0.50
FTSE 250 Index	95.41	102.04	..	1.09
Geared UK Index	2077.51	2153.33	+6.0002	5.75
Income Funds				
Corp Bd	83.43	86.14†	..	6.08
Monthly Inc	42.00	44.92†	..	7.98
International Funds				
American Gen	306.10	323.90		
American Strat	161.34	172.55		
JG US Index	2338.08	2463.52	-6.0015	4.50
European Gen	397.83	421.00†		
European Strat	174.84	187.25		
Japan Gen	89.31	94.22		
Asia Pacific	50.90	53.27	...	1.09
Pacific Strat	70.72	75.63		
Greater China	124.88	133.56†		
Latin America	49.12	52.53		
Intl Growth	167.12	178.59	..	0.11
Balanced Exempt	157.90	163.60	..	1.70
Global Strategy	40.69	43.51		
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
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Balanced Acc	73.35	78.03	-0.15	2.19
Balanced Inc	66.56	70.81	-0.14	2.19
Brit Excell	114.90	122.20	-0.60	2.18
Brit Fedmtls Acc	153.00	162.80†	-0.90	4.26
Brit Fedmtls Inc	95.21	101.30†	-0.60	4.26
Europe	504.60	536.80†	-2.70	
General Acc	842.10	895.90†	-4.40	2.19
General Inc	674.90	718.00†	-3.50	2.19
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	256.10	270.50†	-1.70	5.61
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	101.60	107.20†	+0.40	5.61
Global Opps	115.70	123.10	+0.40	0.32
Higher Inc Acc #	1113.00	1184.00	-10.00	4.26
Higher Inc Inc #	563.40	599.40	-4.90	4.26
Japan Acc	28.65	30.48	+0.08	
Nth America	441.20	468.40	+7.10	
Pac Basin Acc	212.40	226.00	+3.90	
UK Growth Acc	573.90	610.50	-3.10	2.13
UK Growth Inc	360.50	383.50	-1.90	2.13
AXA Sun Life Trusts				
Discretionary	59.02	62.79	+1.15	
Extra Inc Inc #	41.24	43.57	-0.07	5.76
High Yld Inc	112.60	119.80†	-0.70	3.54
Inc & Gth Inc	107.50	114.20	-0.20	2.46
Pacific Gth Pol	25.86	27.51	+0.41	1.13
UK Income Inc	75.03	79.82	-0.36	3.54
UK Smaller Cos	42.20	44.88	-1.21	2.11
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
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Gilts & Fixed Int	152.90	162.30†	+0.60	5.48
High Inc Equity	224.40	240.00	-2.00	4.31
Worldwide Bond	287.60	305.00†	+0.60	3.45
American Growth	550.70	587.80	+13.10	0.23
Asian Pacific	149.40	159.80	-2.80	0.78
Assets & Earnings	349.70	374.00	+3.10	2.73
Euro Capital Acc	277.30	296.60	+4.40	0.25
Extra Inc	41.61	44.27†	-0.10	9.85
General	312.30	332.20†	+1.80	2.90
Global Opps	71.69	76.27	+1.08	0.42
Japan	67.23	71.87	-0.26	
Managed Inc	54.08	57.53†	+0.20	4.43
Mastertrust	184.20	197.00	+2.20	1.22
US Emerging Cos	200.10	214.20	-1.70	
Ethical	89.57	95.29	+0.57	1.90
International	143.70	153.70	+2.30	
Dividend & Growth	83.51	88.84	-0.60	3.47
Global Gwth & Sec	80.99	86.41	-0.05	2.01
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N&P UK Growth	112.60	119.70	-0.10	1.91
Equity Income #	152.50	162.20	-0.50	3.87
Extra Income #	306.90	326.20	-0.20	4.77
Smaller Cos	85.02	90.44†	-0.02	2.51
International	134.70	143.20†	..	1.13
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Amer Opp Acc	308.76	324.75	+6.45	
Asia Pacific	42.90	45.40	+0.32	1.29
Emrg Mkts Inc	32.42	34.29	+0.88	1.31
Ethical Inc	83.16	87.99	-0.05	0.92
Euro Gwth Acc	138.58	134.94	-0.16	
Euro Spec Opps Acc	139.43	146.96	+1.27	
Extra Inc Inc	206.95	217.95†	-0.55	4.44
Extra Inc Acc	285.64	302.29	-0.75	4.44
FE Emg Econ	51.36	54.36	+1.08	2.08
Fixed Int Inc #	28.31	29.71†	+0.01	8.24
Frontier Mkt Inc	49.90	52.65†	+0.71	
Fund Of Inv Inc #	198.71	210.27	-0.14	7.65
Fund Of Inv Acc	334.09	499.34	-0.30	7.65
Gilt Inc Inc #	52.30	54.51†	+0.19	6.32
Global Bond Inc	42.49	44.33	-0.03	4.51
Global Inc Inc	33.82	35.60	-0.02	3.44
Global Inc Acc	52.90	55.69	-0.02	3.44
High Inc Inc	147.26	156.84	-0.49	4.48
High Inc Acc	198.61	210.18	-0.66	4.48
Japan Inc	132.43	139.38†	-0.71	
Latin Amer Inc	30.98	32.71†	+1.68	2.19
Master Inc Inc	59.42	62.87	-0.78	3.28
Master Gwth Inc	54.51	57.68	+0.69	1.18
North Amer Inc	243.24	254.74	+5.69	
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Tech Acc	774.31	814.60	-11.33	
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American Sm Cos	406.80	432.70†	+8.25	
Bond	130.10	136.80	+0.45	6.07
Brit Smlr Cos	103.00	109.60		1.48
Europe	400.20	424.30	-2.80	
Euro Smlr Cos	128.40	136.60	+1.20	0.24
High Income #	69.74	74.19†	-0.37	5.14
Income	402.90	428.60†	-1.25	5.01
Japan	253.50	267.90	-0.40	
Latin American	57.27	60.93	+1.92	
Pacific	53.55	56.97	-0.92	1.19
UK Smlr Cos	58.96	62.72	-0.23	0.99
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Wwide Opps	229.10	242.40		0.89
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Cash	101.20	101.20		6.92
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Income #	694.80	741.10	+6.10	3.97
Income Builder #	79.60	84.77†	+0.53	4.54
Balanced Funds				
Exempt	110.10	117.10	-1.30	1.23
500	506.30	544.40†	-3.60	1.89
General	411.50	440.70	-3.00	1.30
Property	278.50	298.90		6.09
Trustee	285.20	305.30	-2.00	1.51
Growth Funds - UK				
Capital	183.50	196.30	-1.40	1.47
FTSE 100	134.60	143.90	-1.70	1.61
Smaller Cos	54.97	58.64†	-0.62	2.41
Smaller Cos Acc	67.34	71.83	-0.03	2.41
Growth Funds - Overseas				
America	243.90	257.70	+4.90	
American Growth	162.40	172.00	-3.00	
Japan	79.38	83.72	-0.40	
Japan Acc	80.30	84.68	-0.41	
Japan Spec Sits	36.32	38.40	-0.20	
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Equity Income #	166.60	177.70	+1.20	4.08
Gilt & Fx Int	65.79	68.16†	-0.02	6.59
Intl Fxd Int	105.70	109.20		4.42
Intl Fxd Int Acc	139.50	144.20		4.42
Growth Funds - UK				
UK Growth	532.60	567.70†	-4.20	1.28
UK Growth Acc	543.10	574.60	-4.40	1.28
Growth & Inc	545.60	578.50	-4.50	1.34
Growth & Inc Acc	1183	1253	-9.00	1.34
Growth Funds - Overseas				
Euro Growth	267.70	282.80†	-2.60	0.53
Euro Growth Acc	294.20	311.40	-2.80	0.53
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Far East Gth Acc	131.60	140.90	-1.10	1.61
Customer Service Centre 0800 626262				
BZ Sm Mkt Gth	86.38	88.96†	-0.37	
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	202.10	217.20	-3.10	
Amer Smlr Cos	139.60	148.40	-3.50	
Eastern	109.70	119.70	-0.40	0.30
Equity Income #	117.60	125.80	-0.30	3.58
European Growth	597.40	635.10	-1.40	0.40
Europe Select	452.60	495.40	-1.70	0.50
German Growth	161.70	171.10	-0.60	0.50
Global Bond	78.38	82.42	-0.10	5.10
Global Growth	194.30	205.80	-1.60	0.10
Japan Growth	103.30	109.20	-0.50	
Japan Smlr	77.60	81.32	-0.39	
Korea Trust	20.82	21.67	-0.21	
Portfolio	174.00	185.10†	-0.50	1.80
-do- Accum	340.31	362.10	-1.10	1.80
UK Growth	133.90	142.90	-0.30	1.30
UK Smaller Cos	121.40	132.40	-6.10	0.70
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	97.95	104.10	-3.70	
Special Opps Inc	33.59	35.20†	-2.11	
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 0820				
Balanced Growth	183.15	130.76	-2.16	0.92
-do- Accum	217.34	226.40	+2.56	0.62
Smaller Cos	171.96	179.13	-0.17	0.66
-do- Accum	195.33	203.47	-0.19	0.66
Higher Yield #	72.54	75.55	+0.48	3.56
-do- Accum #	121.14	126.18	-0.90	3.56
American Gth Inc	149.36	155.59†	-7.72	
European Growth	237.35	247.38†	-2.60	0.05
-do- Accum	247.27	252.47	-2.56	0.05
Mngd Ptolio Inc	60.40	62.91	-0.60	1.50
-do- Accum	63.94	66.60	-0.66	1.50
Intl Spec Opps	201.38	209.77	-2.50	
Pacific Gth	78.91	82.19	-0.98	1.24
UK General #	123.97	129.14	-0.77	2.56
-do- Accum #	139.74	145.56	-0.81	2.56
Japan	35.00	36.46†	-0.12	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	115.42	119.62†	-0.17	6.60
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7218				
Short Dated Gilt	66.51	67.35	+0.05	5.73
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	229.10	241.10	-1.20	1.49
UK Growth	271.60	285.90†	+2.00	1.70
UK Income	198.80	209.20	+0.50	3.48

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 180				
Can Gen Dist	372.50	388.60†		1.18
-do- Income Dist	160.10	180.70	-0.30	2.91
-do- Accum	546.20	579.00	-0.90	2.91
Gilt & Fxd Int	46.55	48.91†	+0.19	4.44
Growth Units	330.00	352.90†	-0.80	1.64
Bond	198.00	208.30†	+0.10	4.80
Intl Growth	229.00	243.70	+1.70	0.13
North American	329.40	349.80†	+6.60	
Far East	124.40	133.00	+2.20	1.59
UK Smaller Cos	250.00	267.40	+0.30	1.08
European	128.40	136.80		0.47
Japanese Growth	25.99	27.54	-0.00	...
High Income	279.40	298.70	-0.30	2.87
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	295.10	312.60†	+5.70	
European Inc	138.80	147.40†	+0.50	
Smaller Cos (4-1)	104.00	110.70†	+0.10	2.08
Growth	673.00	718.00†	-4.40	1.89
Income & Growth #	546.40	581.30†	-3.30	4.77
-do- Accum #	888.80	945.60	-5.20	4.77
Japan & Gen	42.50	44.88	-0.23	
Hallmark Gwth	1508.00	1569.00	+5.00	1.41
-do- Accum	1908.00	1988.00	+6.00	1.41
Special Sits	155.50	165.50	-1.00	1.78
High Yield	1800.00	1856.00	-10.00	4.03
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	114.59	121.80	+0.18	2.38
American Portfolio	172.68	182.92	+0.64	0.44
European Portfolio	197.31	209.94	+1.14	0.31
High Income	58.13	61.22†	+0.19	6.13
Japanese Portfolio	40.42	42.64†	-0.18	
Pacific Portfolio	78.16	84.05	+1.12	1.74
UK Equity	113.73	121.24	+0.09	2.96
UK Equity & Bd	70.61	74.78	-0.03	5.10
UK Smlr Cos	50.58	54.10†	+0.13	2.13
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	984.53	979.11		3.54
Inv Fd Acc	1021.76	1037.22		
Fxd Int Sec Inc	170.58	171.26		7.47
Fxd Int Sec Acc	192.96	193.74		..
CIBI UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 283 6900				
Equity Dist	1224.00	1247.00†		3.09
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	945.07	959.35		3.69
Investment Acc	4663.09	4733.57		
Fixed Int Inc	140.47	141.03		7.81
Fixed Int Acc	296.14	297.32		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 556 8800				
CF Intl Acc	108.97	114.54		5.40
City Fin Fd	29.95	31.34		
Acorn Ethical Tst	177.93	189.29		0.65
City Fin Assets	81.10	85.16		3.33
City Fin Intl	79.36	84.43		
Friars Hse Cap	359.40	382.34		2.39
Buckley Wrld Grth	139.74	148.12		
Utilities Fd	98.42	100.33	+0.09	2.59
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	31.00	32.89	+0.52	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	101.87	108.37	+1.63	
Dragon Growth	35.06	37.49	-0.47	2.21
Equity High Inc #	117.02	123.83†	-0.51	4.24
-do- Accum #	181.30	191.85	-0.80	4.24
Extra Income Inc	30.40	32.02	-0.02	5.25
Extra Income Acc	36.64	38.59	-0.02	5.25
European Gwth	95.14	100.68	+0.06	0.18
Evergreen	32.85	35.13	+0.23	0.11
General Equity	134.18	141.61	-0.22	2.36
Japan Growth	29.14	31.00	-0.11	
Pedigree Gwth	83.64	88.50	-0.45	1.85
Pen Sm Cos Inc	39.08	41.35	-0.16	1.93
-do- Accum	42.25	44.70	-0.17	1.93
Retirement Inc #	33.13	35.24	-0.08	5.03
Special Sits	57.80	62.15	-0.16	2.93
UK & Overseas	70.20	74.28	-0.62	0.61
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 898 098				
Balanced	80.84	84.20†	-0.02	3.31
Capital	99.57	103.71†	-0.22	1.87
High Income	58.99	61.44†	+0.11	6.20
Top 50	76.01	79.17†	+0.07	1.79
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	222.33	231.62	-1.45	4.47
Long Gilt	57.46	59.81	+0.33	4.57
Monthly Inc Plus	64.82	67.53	+0.18	6.63
-do- Accum	81.81	85.23	+0.22	6.63
Preference Share	66.49	69.27	-0.27	5.63
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	174.73	182.03	-0.45	5.28
Managed Fund	86.69	90.31	+0.12	2.74
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	45.28	47.17	-0.08	1.34
-do- Accum	54.60	56.88	-0.11	1.34
UK & General	122.73	127.86	-0.28	2.18
-do- Accum	165.49	172.40	-0.38	2.18
UK Growth	244.43	254.64	-0.47	1.38
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	342.98	357.31		
Far Eastern Grth	72.84	75.88	+0.30	0.44
Global Bond	74.97	78.10	+0.06	4.91
Japan Growth	70.68	73.63	-0.42	
North Amer Grth	322.88	336.37	+5.23	
Overseas Growth	40.78	42.48	+0.49	1.53
Worldwide Growth	84.17	87.69	+0.36	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.75	93.75	+0.01	6.66
Homemaker Fund	98.63	104.94	+0.15	2.19
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Consistent UT	43.69	46.63†		2.83
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 350				
Growth	195.60	208.00	-0.80	1.99
UK Eqty Inc	85.36	90.81†	-0.20	3.86
European Growth	109.70	116.10	-0.50	0.10
UK Spec Sits	217.10	231.00	-0.50	1.19
For Co-op Pension see: CIS Unit Trust				
CREDIT SUISSE ASSET MGMT FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
European Inc	95.96	101.80	-0.60	
Fellowship Tst	118.90	126.40	+0.10	1.06
Income #	339.70	361.30	-1.40	3.81
-do- Accum #	952.30	1013.00	-3.00	3.81
Smaller Cos	226.80	241.00	+0.30	0.49
-do- Accum	284.20	302.30	+0.30	0.49
Gth Portfolio	117.80	125.30†		1.11
Mthly Inc Port #	100.40	106.80†	-0.40	3.65
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 478 1634				
Global Sm Cos	208.75	208.85		4.48
UK Small Cos	1501.40	1550.60		5.70
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	263.80	271.70		2.79
DRESDNER RCM FUNDS (UK) LTD				
Dealers 0171 475 7354 Admin/Val 0870 601 6117				
Amer Smlr Cos	191.35	203.56	+7.71	
Bond Income	113.76	117.73†	-0.17	6.30
European	279.43	297.26	+0.55	
European Ptv	128.85	137.07	+1.47	0.85
European Special	209.80	223.19	+2.14	
Gilt Yield	137.02	144.58†	+0.46	5.86
Global Eqty Inc	135.36	143.80†	+0.61	1.26
High Yield #	197.29	209.88	+0.06	4.52
Japan	232.63	247.47	-0.88	
Japanese Special	116.30	123.72	-0.16	
Money Market	106.43	106.43	+0.01	6.36
North American	156.50	166.41	+6.48	
Smaller Cos	140.49	149.45†	-0.28	1.10
Tomorrows Co Ex	1189.00	1203.00	-2.00	0.13
UK Index Inc	420.79	422.90	-0.40	2.91
Europe Bd	41.05	42.72	+0.27	6.41
Exempt	879.89	908.35†	+2.71	1.97
Global Em Mkts	43.89	45.85	+1.47	0.81
Little Dragons	48.54	50.82	+0.68	
Oriental Income #	27.79	29.09	+0.24	4.50
Preference	165.64	173.44	+0.53	6.63
Tiger	131.03	137.20	+1.19	
UK Growth	821.62	870.80	+2.05	1.48
UK Mid-Cap	434.07	454.52	+0.41	1.33
UK Smlr Cos	124.50	130.36	+0.08	0.01
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 520				
European	84.81	87.84	-0.54	..
Financial	68.57	72.86	+0.45	1.35
UK Growth #	372.60	395.90†	-1.40	1.89
UK Income #	230.30	244.70	-0.40	3.47
Latin American	14.91	15.84†	+0.57	
Mngd Gwth Port	100.30	104.80	+2.40	0.67
Pacific	45.74	48.60	+0.76	
Prof High Inc	27.84	29.56	+0.03	6.66
Tokyo	123.40	130.40	+0.10	
UK Smaller Cos	257.10	273.20	-2.90	1.28
Japan Sm Cos	207.10	219.00	-0.30	
Nth Amer	586.00	619.80	+11.40	
For Ely Place see Sarasin				
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	247.10	262.90		0.91
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	136.25	143.42	+0.26	1.35
Ethical Tst	53.50	56.32	-0.03	1.12
Far Eastern	173.89	183.00	+2.31	2.48
High Income	174.73	183.93	-0.05	4.00
UK Index Trcking	67.28	70.82†	-0.20	2.39
Intl Growth	125.16	131.75	-0.36	1.65
Pensions	184.58	194.29†	+0.63	1.58
Pelican	182.39	191.99	-0.22	2.43
Smaller Cos	69.11	72.75	-0.09	2.38
Special Sits	87.87	92.49†	-0.28	1.80
Tst of Inv Tsts	227.99	239.99†	-0.49	1.90
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	146.68	155.00	+6.41	
Fd of Inv Tsts	57.77	61.29	+0.18	
High Income #	48.57	51.50	-0.03	8.98
Wan & Gl Opps	54.61	57.54†	+0.19	
Zero Preference	50.87	53.91	+0.02	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 724 570				
Family Asset Tst	125.20	132.20	-0.40	2.01
Charities Eth	344.80	366.80	-1.30	2.53
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		7.00
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond ‡	36.82		+0.02	4.72
Income Funds				
High Income ‡	32.94		-0.01	4.77
Income Plus #	175.60			4.35
Moneybuilder Gwth #	40.68		-0.11	3.30
Equity Funds				
ASEAN ‡	13.43			
American ‡	421.50		+7.60	
Amer Spec Sits ‡	215.30		+4.20	
European ‡	325.80		+1.80	0.32
European Opps ‡	127.50			0.44
Global Prt ‡	38.36		-0.33	0.27
UK Growth ‡	156.40		-0.10	1.25
Growth & Inc #	231.60		-0.60	3.43
Intl PEP ‡	61.710		-0.120	1.12
Japan Spec Sits ‡	53.74		-0.05	..
Japan ‡	130.00		+0.60	
Managed Intl ‡	439.30		+3.90	0.68
Moneybuilder Plus	76.51	76.51	+0.07	0.05

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Recovery ‡	61.330		-0.010	3.00
South E Asia ‡	109.50		-0.90	1.91
Special Sits ‡	890.60		+3.10	1.27
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	127.82	127.82	+0.02	7.00
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2780				
Balanced #	159.00	160.80†	...	2.07
Fleming Pfl Inc #	116.20	117.10†	+0.50	5.47
Cap Pfolio	197.30	198.70	+2.20	0.04
General Opps	174.80	176.10		3.40
Growth Inc	48.32	49.95	+0.20	0.84
Private Portfolio	602.70	607.60†		0.93
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 366 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	225.40	239.56†	-0.60	...
High Income	20.80	22.15†	-0.14	10.16
UK Smlr Cos	31.38	33.56	+0.02	2.05
US Smaller Cos	478.10	509.20	+3.30	
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	120.80	127.80	+1.70	
-do- Accum	120.80	127.80	+1.70	
Amer Smlr Cos	611.80	652.30†	+3.80	
-do- Accum	625.00	666.40†	+3.70	..
Capital Tst	393.00	418.10	-11.20	1.26
-do- Accum	587.00	624.50	-16.70	1.26
Cont Smlr Cos	75.10	80.54	+0.78	
-do- Accum	80.69	86.43	+0.83	
Convertible	153.20	163.00	+0.10	5.83
-do- Accum	363.60	386.80	+0.20	5.83
Emerging Markets	33.12	35.38	+1.69	0.07
-do- Accum	33.39	35.67	+1.70	0.07
European	221.30	234.40	+0.70	
-do- Accum	235.20	249.20	+0.70	
Extra Income	462.50	492.00	+2.30	3.99
-do- Accum	785.60	835.80	+3.60	3.99
Financial	245.00	261.10	+1.60	0.38
-do- Accum	262.10	278.90		0.38
Gilt Trust	67.26	69.34	+0.15	5.50
-do- Accum	113.90	117.40	+0.30	5.50
Health Fund Inc	211.40	225.10	+3.70	
-do- Accum	211.40	226.10	+3.70	
Income & Growth	362.70	380.50	-0.20	3.05
-do- Accum	444.60	473.00	-0.30	3.05
Intl Growth	471.20	501.30	+4.90	
-do- Accum	523.20	556.70	+5.60	
Japan & Gen	99.21	104.90	-0.40	
-do- Accum	100.20	105.90	-0.40	
Monthly Inc #	235.10	250.10†	+0.10	3.81
-do- Accum #	251.50	267.50†	+0.10	3.81
Managed Port Inc	127.80	134.50	+1.80	1.52
-do- Accum	142.30	149.80	+1.90	1.52
Quarterly Income #	64.03	68.54†	-0.08	4.50
-do- Accum #	80.17	85.02†	+0.10	4.50
UK Growth	78.71	83.73†	+0.06	1.20
-do- Accum	88.22	93.85†	+0.07	1.20
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 0870 600 6300 Enq 0870 600 6306				
FP American	85.51	90.80	+1.49	
FP Am Smllr Cos	184.10	196.30	+4.20	
FP Asian Growth	114.60	122.40	+1.00	
FP Australian	373.90	396.80†	+5.00	
FP Equity Dist	579.00	617.50	+4.40	1.84
-do- Accum	1332.00	1420.00	+10.00	1.84
FP Euro Gth	453.50	483.70	+2.80	
-do- Accum	496.80	529.80	+3.10	
FP Intl Bond	80.13	83.62†	+0.07	3.85
FP Intl Gth Dist	45.64	48.68	+0.49	
-do- Accum	67.28	71.76	+0.72	
FP Pac Basin Acc	138.30	147.50	+0.80	0.18
FP Income #	73.91	78.83	+0.80	4.36
-do- Accum #	279.70	298.30	+3.00	4.36
FP Jap Smlr Cos	140.60	149.90	-0.70	
FP Monthly Dist #	88.90	94.82†	+0.55	4.71
FP Stlg Deposit	101.30	101.30	+0.10	6.53
FP Tokyo	57.15	60.96	-0.27	
FP UK Focus	53.98	57.57	+0.53	1.22
FP UK Growth	254.30	271.20	+2.80	1.18
-do- Accum	530.70	566.00	+5.80	1.18
Stewardship Dist	489.00	521.50	+2.90	1.67
-do- Accum	630.20	672.20	+3.70	1.67
Stewdshp Inc Dist #	80.46	85.82†	+0.61	4.22
-do- Accum #	120.40	128.40	+0.90	4.22
Stwrdshp Intern	169.40	180.80	+1.70	
-do- Accum	182.60	194.70	+1.70	
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	127.10	127.70	+1.00	2.54
Inst Ethical Ac #	132.10	132.70	+1.00	2.54
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	149.50	159.00	+2.80	0.67
Open Cap Gth Acc	144.30	153.50	+3.10	
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	134.70	143.20†	+2.10	3.20
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	148.90	158.40	+2.40	3.20
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	134.50	143.00	+1.80	3.29
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	151.90	161.50†	+2.10	3.29
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	367.70	387.00	+5.80	1.20
Cash	49.58	50.33†	+0.01	6.28
Income Portfolio	87.60	92.71†	+1.08	2.52
GA Equity Gth	265.20	282.10	+4.30	0.61
GA European Gth	195.90	208.70	+2.20	
GA Japan Gth	64.72	68.33	-0.36	
GA Gth Amer Gth	325.10	342.20	+5.80	
GA Intl Gth	142.30	151.30	+1.90	0.14
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 826 9431				
American Smlr Cos	215.40	230.40	+4.50	0.14
European Gth	971.30	1032.00	+16.00	0.16
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	66.94	70.87	+0.47	2.62
-do- Accum	78.70	83.32	+0.56	2.62
High Yield #	56.44	59.60†	+0.29	6.56
-do- Accum #	70.02	73.93	+0.36	6.56
Income Inc	224.70	240.40†	+3.50	3.20
-do- Accum	273.60	292.70	+4.20	3.20
Intl Growth	399.00	422.80	+3.50	1.96
Intl Income	133.30	140.80	+1.00	2.63
Japan Growth	369.60	391.30	-0.80	0.03
Orient Acc	95.22	101.30	+1.30	
UK Blue Chip Inc	239.40	256.10†	+2.80	0.71
UK Blue Chip Acc	436.50	466.90	+5.00	0.71
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	87.33	93.41	+0.32	1.24
US Growth	245.40	259.70	+5.00	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Digs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	69.82	74.45†	-0.57	1.61
Practical Inv Inc #	139.28	148.96	-0.05	3.23
-do- Accum #	347.80	371.90	-0.11	3.23
UK Index	221.68	222.79†	-0.20	2.78
UK Smaller Cos	238.05	254.60	-0.80	1.16
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	26.35	27.31†	-0.07	7.10
High Income	44.18	47.11†	+0.12	4.03
UK Growth & Inc	196.53	209.43†	+0.15	3.12
Global Bond	28.82	29.86	+0.04	4.92
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	26.33	28.16	+0.74	
Global Managed	160.10	169.72	+1.08	0.85
Gold & Intl Res	53.58	57.30	-1.78	
Global Utilities	217.54	231.40	+1.43	1.28
Overseas Funds				
American	242.27	256.47	+4.58	
European	198.74	211.00	+0.57	0.61
Euro Sel Opps	335.45	358.53†	+0.79	..
Amer Emerging	158.10	169.10	+4.62	
Hong Kong	88.09	94.07	+0.81	3.90
Japan	120.55	127.56	-0.63	
Pacific Growth	112.67	120.28	+1.25	1.57
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Cash Trust	160.95	160.95†	+0.03	7.12
Managed Equity	292.35	292.35	+0.49	1.47
Long Term Bal	316.58	316.58	+0.25	2.54
Med Term Bal	272.63	272.63	+0.60	2.91
UK Equity	379.33	379.33	+0.73	1.11
UK Emerging Cos	169.72	169.72	-0.43	2.45
American	429.21	429.21	+8.72	0.22
Japan	78.66	78.66†	-0.79	
European	518.07	518.07†	-0.85	0.81
Index Linked Gilt	233.74	233.74†	+0.09	2.28
Fixed Interest	225.78	225.78†	+0.84	5.82
Amer Emerges	355.51	355.51†	+7.57	
Pacific	99.68	99.68	+0.77	2.08
Emerging Mkts	75.73	75.73†	+1.67	1.61
Index Strat Japan	79.96	79.96†	-0.53	0.51
-do- Pacific Rim	87.83	87.83†	+1.20	4.52
-do- Cont Europe	279.23	279.23†	-0.72	1.35
Index Strat USA	271.85	271.85†	+4.71	1.09
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	136.61	145.33	-1.43	
Med Term Bal	130.61	138.94	-0.30	
Long Term Bal	141.68	150.72	-1.36	
UK Equity	177.55	188.88	-0.36	
UK Emerging Cos	77.19	82.12	-3.59	
American	199.97	212.62	+3.43	
Japan	36.71	39.05	-0.40	
European	216.41	230.22	-0.38	
Fixed Interest	118.27	125.82	+0.47	..
Index Linked Gilt	104.75	111.43	-0.11	
Deposit	98.40	104.67	+0.12	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	162.72	171.28	+1.93	0.50
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Intl Gwth Inc ‡	762.98		-3.45	0.50
-do- Accum ‡	886.05		-3.92	0.50
European Gth Inc ‡	232.22		-4.50	0.71
Amalgam Inc	182.49	192.03	-2.28	
N Amer Gwth Inc ‡	563.15		-13.77	
Far East Gth Inc ‡	173.76		+1.11	0.45
-do- Accum ‡	181.25		+1.15	0.45
UK Dvid Inc ‡	230.40		-1.47	1.75
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 825 5905				
European	845.50	893.97	+7.43	..
Gilt & Fixed	152.30	161.50†	-0.90	4.56
Growth Equity	454.10	482.20	-1.90	1.30
Income Trust	190.70	203.70	+0.60	3.44
International	230.80	246.50	+2.60	
Japan Trust	78.22	81.43	-0.43	
Nth American	450.70	480.20	+9.45	
Pacific	244.20	261.80	+2.10	1.28
Guardhill	716.30	752.20	+3.90	1.26
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
European Bond	106.23	110.23	-0.83	1.71
Global High Inc	37.17	38.70	-0.35	4.53
Stlg Bond Ptfo	122.13	126.77	-0.51	5.18
Cautious Mngd Ptfo	132.60	141.01	-0.04	3.53
European Ptfo	182.83	191.97	-0.52	0.53
World Mkt Ptfo	86.59	91.97		
UK Eq Inc Ptfo	171.17	182.00†	-2.21	3.41
-do- Accum	267.35	[illegible]	-1.45	3.41
UK Opps	447.50	[illegible]	-1.22	2.96
-do- Accum	452.42	482.92	-1.62	2.96
St Vinc High Inc	136.71	150.54†	-2.72	5.28
UK Emerg Cos	272.30	290.52		4.03
Intl UK Sm Co	344.60	352.36	-0.55	4.74
Glbl Pvr Tst	140.40	149.25	-0.53	1.56
-do- Accum	146.95	156.27	-0.62	1.54
Inc Share Tst	111.32	117.14	+0.29	7.55
HP & Sm Ctrs Tst	56.25	56.35	+0.97	7.05
Blue Chip Ptfo	304.52	324.15†	-1.13	1.54
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 01904 611170				
Balanced Inc	67.16	[illegible]	-0.37	2.44
Balanced Acc	75.05	79.53	-0.37	2.44
Growth	40.07	42.79†	-0.28	1.53
Growth Acc	40.54	42.91	-0.41	1.53
Income	36.33	39.17†	-0.36	3.56
Income Acc	42.22	44.75	-0.33	3.50
Accumulation Tst	34.35	37.77	-0.45	2.78
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 690 230 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Port Acc	52.60	[illegible]	-2.47	2.72
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 484848 Dealing: 0645 484848				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	426.32	456.70†	+0.28	
Best of British	86.73	91.71		1.96
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	162.92†		5.20
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	382.65	402.54	-1.05	3.50
-do- Accum #	1123.32	1182.32	-3.12	3.50
High Income	412.01	437.29	-1.92	3.51
Extra Income #	356.55	378.57†	-3.25	4.98
Pref & Bond	61.39	64.42	+0.05	6.49
International				
Ethical	156.30	167.15†	-1.27	2.12
International	353.35	375.37	-1.51	0.63
Global Bond	54.44	57.11	-0.05	4.28
Inc Port Tst	111.70	119.48	-1.97	0.05
Global Tech	132.95	140.74	+2.44	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	115.72	122.77	+1.66	1.35
European	92.71	98.56	+1.42	0.44
European Income #	[illegible]	141.75	-0.54	2.45
Euro Smlr Cos	76.36	79.28	-1.19	2.49
European Value	156.34	164.77	-2.43	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-2.48	
Japan Trust	[illegible]	139.77	-0.58	
Japan Smlr Cos	34.32	36.19	-1.67	
Pacific Smlr Cos	131.77	140.38	-1.65	
North American	427.66	452.57	+6.49	
American Smaller	201.83	215.62	-1.59	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0800 550853				
British	161.03	168.62		1.90
Capital	238.62	249.23†	+0.05	1.22
Dollar	699.01	731.94	+12.07	
Enterprise Gth	524.80	549.53†	+0.89	0.90
European	410.54	429.89	-2.38	
Far East	134.09	140.40	+2.57	1.15
Financial	1362.04	1426.22	-3.02	1.79
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.09	31.29	-0.06	5.17
High Yield	138.25	144.76	-0.69	4.05
Income & Growth	207.20	216.97	-0.23	3.57
International	346.64	362.98	+0.52	0.56
Japanese General	126.07	132.01	-0.36	
Japan Tech	58.92	59.60	-0.23	
Nat Resources	49.09	51.40	-0.31	1.63
Portfolio	99.78	104.48	-0.09	2.26
Special Sits	251.99	263.86†	-0.62	1.39
UK Emerging Cos	116.72	122.22†	-0.45	1.68
US Smaller Cos	151.67	158.81	+3.18	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	784.60	837.30	-4.60	4.37
UK Growth	888.00	945.90	-1.30	1.32
High Income #	147.00	156.90†	-0.20	5.50
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	823.20	870.20	+13.70	
European Gwth	236.10	252.00	+0.60	
Japan Gwth	183.20	194.00	-0.30	..
Japan Smlr Cos	16.49	17.50	-0.03	
Asian	24.66	26.32	+0.26	0.77
Sing & Malay Gwth	18.08	19.30	...	
Hong Kong Gwth	103.70	110.60	+1.20	2.65
Global Bond	21.83	22.78	+0.04	4.47
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	210.00	211.10	-0.20	2.70
Trade Index	123.10	127.30†	-0.30	2.73
THE FOOTSIE FUND	86.43	86.86	-0.13	1.91
Index Funds-International				
American Index	410.80	412.90	+6.30	0.33
Eurotrack 100	267.40	268.80	-1.00	0.82
Japan Index	42.68	42.89	-0.20	0.43
Tiger Index	54.35	55.61		2.90
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	45.96	48.00†	-0.18	2.10
General Funds				
Managed Dist	100.10	104.50	+0.10	1.21
Managed	104.70	109.30	+0.20	1.21
Bggrt Child Fnd	138.10	144.20	-0.50	1.09
UK Growth	81.48	85.10	-0.26	1.41
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	108.10	112.80	-0.10	4.26
Gilt & Fixed Int #	30.57	31.50	-0.02	6.83
UK Inc & Gwth	59.79	62.44	-0.08	2.34
UK Income #	463.80	484.40	-0.80	3.15
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	78.71	81.47†	+1.68	
Amer Smlr Cos	159.60	166.60	+2.80	
-do- Accum	161.30	168.40	+2.90	
Europe Gth	400.00	417.80†	-0.70	
-do- Accum	414.40	432.80†	-0.70	
Euro Smaller Cos	71.93	75.04	+0.82	
French Growth	142.10	147.40	-0.80	0.43
-do- Accum	153.80	159.80	-0.50	0.43
H Kong & China	65.34	68.08	+0.84	2.35
Intl Growth	75.64	78.74	+0.48	
-do- Accum	77.17	80.94	+0.48	
Japan Gth	16.99	17.71	-0.09	...
-do- Accum	16.99	17.71	-0.09	
Japan Smaller Cos	18.85	19.67†	-0.11	
Glob Emg Mkts	47.32	49.42	+0.96	0.07
-do- Accum	47.88	50.01	+0.98	0.07
SE Asia	136.40	142.20	+0.80	1.34
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	52.37	54.01†	+0.04	5.05
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 0870 606 6457 Dealing 0870 606 6407				
UK Income #	139.60	148.80	+0.70	2.87
UK Growth	147.90	157.80	+0.70	0.88
European Gwth	131.80	139.60	+0.90	0.18
States Growth	223.20	240.40	-0.20	1.77
New Japan	57.66	61.25	-0.30	
Global Growth	104.28	110.40	+1.80	..
Monthly Inc #	97.44	102.14†	-0.01	7.64
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	123.60	131.40	-0.30	
Income #	272.64	290.03	-1.39	3.97
UK Growth	105.89	112.64	-0.23	1.56
Intl Growth	97.38	103.25	+0.04	
Ecology	113.74	120.99	-0.36	0.68
European	276.82	294.35	-0.50	0.23
Far Eastern	201.40	214.10	+0.20	
UK Special Sits	65.26	69.60	-0.07	0.32
Fd of Inv Tsts	54.59	58.22	+0.15	
High Income #	62.39	68.53	-0.43	4.81
Financial Opps	63.70	67.99	+0.35	0.59
Growth & Income #	50.54	53.90	-0.04	2.67
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 556 8800				
Bridge Income #	402.48	428.15	-0.82	4.15
Eqy Growth	126.38	134.45	+3.57	0.51
Inc & Growth	90.02	95.77	+0.14	3.25
Smaller Cos	108.59	116.59	-0.30	1.45
Ever Spec Sit Inc	60.88	64.77	-0.20	1.96
Eve Spec Sit Acc	64.84	68.98	-0.22	1.95
Pennine Growth	49.03	52.16	+0.54	2.48
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	522.50	554.40†	-0.70	1.53
UK Inc/Gth #	561.30	595.50†	-1.30	3.62
UK Income #	398.50	422.80†	-1.10	4.66
UK Income Acc #	410.20	433.70†	-1.10	4.66
UK Sm Cos	304.40	324.10†	-0.10	2.19
Euro Gwth	226.00	238.90		0.28
N Amer Gwth	145.60	154.00	+3.90	
Pacific Growth	4.24	4.49	+0.03	0.39
Emg Mkts Gwth	41.68	44.22	+1.79	
Japan Growth	39.53	41.73	-0.40	
Dealing: 01277 642626				
Gwth Port Inc	79.13	83.68	+1.33	0.56
Gwth Port Acc	80.83	85.48	+1.35	0.55
Inc Port Inc	75.14	79.46†	-1.42	3.43
Inc Port Acc	88.18	93.25	+1.66	3.31
Wwde Port	56.86	63.30	+1.42	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01222 448412 Dealing: 01222 663512				
Equity Dist	721.50	721.50†	-1.30	1.92
-do- Accum	1551.00	1551.00†	-3.00	1.92
Equity Income #	116.00	116.00	-0.70	4.28
UK Tactical Allocation	81.44	81.44†	-0.02	6.48
European	204.10	204.10†	-0.40	
Far Eastern	125.30	125.30†	-1.00	1.13
Fixed Interest	61.79	61.79†	-0.23	6.70
Gilt	105.70	105.70	+0.40	5.08
Global Growth	83.67	83.67	+0.24	
Intl Bond	49.93	49.93†	-0.03	4.93
Japanese	47.94	47.94	-0.42	1.36
North American	296.20	296.20†	+4.70	
Pacific Growth	55.86	55.86	-0.95	1.91
Pacific Index	22.70	22.70	+0.27	4.23
UK Index	97.09	97.09	-0.14	2.62
UK Recovery	136.20	136.20	-0.10	1.32
UK Smaller Cos	175.01	175.01	+0.20	1.07
US Index	118.20	118.20	+2.00	0.55
European Index	132.90	132.90†	-0.10	0.82
Japan Index	21.76	21.76	-0.11	
Worldwide	110.99	110.99		1.13
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	69.51	74.34	-0.18	2.37
Income	80.36	86.58	-0.54	3.95
Far East	23.22	23.87	-0.21	1.08
North American	161.60	171.89	-5.70	
Global	93.13	99.54	-0.99	0.29
European	148.80	158.60	+0.10	0.30
Japan	55.47	59.04†	-0.21	
Intl Currency Bd	58.47	61.33	-0.07	4.44
SE Asia	38.75	40.80	+0.58	1.82
UK Cap Growth	125.16	132.73	-0.30	1.46
Fund of Inv Tsts	89.49	95.71	-0.31	3.61
Managed	75.73	80.99†	+0.28	1.47
Cash	51.62	51.62		6.85
LLOYDS TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
0845 3002244				
American	432.22	457.29†	-7.86	
-do- Accum	476.06	503.79†	-8.66	
Brit Growth	152.56	157.75	-0.39	1.53
-do- Accum	207.57	213.53	-0.49	1.53
European	185.77	196.06†	-1.14	
-do- Accum	197.41	209.96†	-1.23	
Extra Income #	256.26	274.35†	-1.38	4.16
-do- Accum #	512.29	547.09†	-3.90	4.16
Smaller Cos	89.56	93.71†	-0.12	1.54
-do- Accum	102.97	109.90†	-0.15	1.54
General	450.76	476.47	-1.10	1.37
-do- Accum	990.52	1042.43	-3.74	1.37
Premier Income	58.04	60.46	-0.02	4.29
-do- Accum	160.44	167.12	3.05	4.29
High Income #	86.07	91.02	-0.57	3.95
-do- Accum #	125.92	133.25	-0.83	3.95
Income #	476.55	504.29	-1.90	3.63
-do- Accum #	1170.53	[illegible]	-4.65	3.63
Pacific	199.11	212.79	+2.20	0.69
-do- Accum	209.21	221.39	+2.37	0.69
International	72.01	75.77	-0.16	0.29
-do- Accum	994.65	1052.57	-0.27	0.29
Intl Income	66.53	70.39	+0.09	3.78
-do- Accum	93.94	99.52	+0.14	3.76
Nat Resources	104.74	115.37	-0.38	1.77
-do- Accum	114.62	121.27	-0.98	1.72
Spec Opps	162.43	171.92†	-0.05	1.69
-do- Accum	217.96	230.64†	-0.12	1.59
Environmental Inv	111.25	117.82†	-0.21	1.25
-do- Accum	127.16	134.56†	-0.29	1.25
Selector	90.46	95.73	-0.12	1.46
-do- Accum	107.77	112.52	-0.14	1.46
Selector Income	90.02	94.52	-0.31	3.68
-do- Accum	106.55	112.75	-0.41	3.68
UK Growth Inc	82.82	87.72†	-0.21	1.74
-do- Accum	88.17	93.36†	-0.22	1.74
UK Income Inc #	67.21	71.24†	-1.07	4.17
-do- Accum #	78.92	83.54†	-1.25	4.17
Wwide Gth Inc	74.04	78.35†	+0.09	0.40
-do- Accum	75.30	79.70†	-0.09	0.40
Other Unit Trusts within Lloyds TSB group				
Lloyds Bk Unit Tst Mgrs Ltd				
Helpdesk 01634 834300 Dealing 01634 834313				
Balanced	516.30	545.00	-5.50	3.03
-do- Accum	1365.00	1546.50	+14.00	3.02
Conti Euro Gth	115.20	121.50	-0.10	0.27
-do- Accum	124.70	131.30	-0.10	0.27
Extra Inc #	360.45	381.50	-7.90	3.98
Extra Inc Acc #	1054.00	[illegible]	-9.30	3.98

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FTSE 100 Inc	160.70	171.90†	+1.90	2.08
FTSE 100 Acc	173.30	184.40	+2.10	2.08
German Gth	215.00	226.40	+1.70	..
-do- Accum	225.40	237.30	+1.70	
Growth Port	791.10	841.60	+8.30	0.16
-do- Accum	832.20	886.40	+8.80	0.16
High Interest Inc	114.50	118.70†	-0.30	6.29
High Interest Acc	135.80	140.80	-0.20	6.29
Hi Reserve Inc #	125.79	133.80†	+0.50	5.07
Hi Reserve Acc #	150.00	159.60	+0.60	5.07
Income Inc #	706.00	751.10	+7.90	3.40
Income Acc #	2101.00	2236.00	+24.00	3.40
Income Port	691.70	735.90	+4.40	3.87
-do- Accum	828.20	881.10	+5.30	3.87
Japan Growth	65.85	69.85	-0.21	
-do- Accum	65.86	70.09	-0.21	..
Master Trust	77.84	82.81	+0.65	1.21
-do- Accum	92.78	98.71	+0.78	1.21
Millennium Acc	125.70	133.80	+0.60	1.81
N American Gen	348.30	370.60	+6.10	
-do- Accum	403.10	428.90	+6.90	..
NAm Sm Co Rec	187.20	199.20	+3.80	..
-do- Accum	191.10	203.30	+4.00	
Pacific Basin	113.70	121.00	+2.30	1.63
-do- Accum	122.60	130.50	+2.60	1.63
Safety First Acc	121.10	127.50	+0.70	1.20
-do- until 19/3/99 ‡	119.15			
Small Cos Rec	491.50	517.40	-0.50	2.30
-do- Accum	685.00	731.60	-0.90	2.30
UK Eq Gth	209.00	222.40	+2.20	2.37
UK Eq Inc #	166.80	177.50	+1.80	3.41
UK Growth	133.10	141.60	+1.40	1.74
-do- Accum	171.50	182.50	+1.80	1.74
Worldwide Gth	422.90	449.80	+3.90	0.44
-do- Accum	626.00	666.00	+6.00	0.44
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
General	137.72	147.76	+0.89	2.20
Income	91.63	98.20†	+0.27	4.00
International	80.19	86.04	+1.09	0.60
Tst of Inv Trusts	80.02	85.85	+0.48	1.00
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
American	608.00	642.80†	+8.80	0.75
-do- Accum	786.30	808.80†	+11.10	0.75
Amer Recovery	615.90	658.70	+8.90	0.64
-do- Accum	713.00	753.30	+10.30	0.64
Amer Smlr Cos	139.80	147.50	+2.09	..
-do- Accum	142.90	150.70	+2.10	..
Australasian	167.60	176.60†	+3.50	2.72
-do- Accum	219.40	231.90†	+4.50	2.72
Blue Chip #	85.50	85.93	-0.40	3.67
-do- Accum #	268.50	268.44	-1.26	3.67
British Opps	82.90	86.50		2.93
-do- Accum	228.70	241.80		2.93
Capital	1053.30	1113.90†	-2.40	2.86
-do- Accum	1316.50	1392.30†	-3.00	2.86
Charifund	956.60	976.30	-4.40	5.12
-do- Accum #	5494.80	5549.80	-25.20	5.12
Commodity	274.20	290.00†	+2.60	1.52
-do- Accum	410.50	434.10†	+3.90	1.52
Corporate Bond	30.50	30.80	+0.10	5.70
Dividend #	51.10	54.00	-0.40	4.63
-do- Accum #	243.70	258.00	-1.60	4.63
Equity Income #	372.40	393.80	...	5.12
-do- Accum #	551.70	583.40	...	5.12
European	885.60	938.50	-9.90	0.83
-do- Accum	1146.70	1212.80	-12.70	0.83
Euro Dividend #	111.30	117.70	-0.20	3.14
-do- Accum #	149.40	158.00	-0.30	3.14
Euro Smlr Cos	73.60	77.80	+0.80	
-do- Accum	73.90	78.00	+0.70	
Extra Income #	523.90	564.00†	-3.30	5.46
-do- Accum #	1928.60	2037.50†	-12.00	5.46
Fund of Inv Tsts	719.70	761.10	+1.00	1.27
-do- Accum	1417.50	1499.20	+2.00	1.27
Gilt Income	73.83	73.75	+0.32	4.70
-do- Accum	247.87	248.26	+1.08	4.70
Gold	31.70	33.50	-0.50	0.70
-do- Accum	38.50	40.70	-0.60	0.70
High Interest	24.98	24.98†	+0.02	7.32
Income #	38.80	40.80	-0.20	4.49
-do- Accum #	177.20	187.50	-1.00	4.49
Intl Growth	88.70	94.90†	+0.50	0.83
-do- Accum	160.50	169.90†	+0.60	0.83
International Inc #	128.90	135.30	+0.30	4.29
-do- Accum #	216.40	228.80	+0.40	4.29
Japan	20.70	21.80		
-do- Accum	22.20	23.40		
Japan Smlr Cos	80.00	84.30	-0.30	0.03
-do- Accum	80.50	84.90	-0.30	0.03
Managed Gwth (2)	28.70	28.92		1.88
Managed Income (2)	34.70	34.98†	-0.10	4.39
Pension Ex	1298.90	1331.40	-6.80	3.11
Recovery	52.49	55.40	-0.20	3.42
-do- Accum	94.30	99.70	-0.40	3.42
Smaller Cos	65.50	69.30†	...	2.27
-do- Accum	142.20	150.50†		2.27
Sth East Asia	167.50	177.10†	+3.60	2.80
-do- Accum	231.40	244.70†	+4.90	2.80
Trustee #	51.30	54.30	-0.20	4.62
-do- Accum #	236.30	250.10	-0.90	4.62
UK Equity #	77.90	82.40	-0.30	4.19
-do- Accum #	225.40	238.40	-1.00	4.19
UK Growth	1368.40	1447.10	-4.20	1.98
-do- Accum	1559.50	1649.70	-4.80	1.98
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 910 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	154.76	164.63	+0.75	0.60
Intl Bond	64.79	68.04	+0.14	2.78
Intl Equity Growth	96.39	102.31	+0.37	0.77
N Amer Growth	176.98	187.83†	+1.29	0.47
Special Sits Growth	34.89	37.11†	-0.01	1.68
UK Growth	574.86	611.55	+2.62	2.13
-do- Accum	816.86	868.99	+3.71	2.13
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1415.90	1436.70		2.90
Income #	1208.00	1228.50		4.20
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	189.20	193.60†		3
MANEX INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
0171 815 7870				
Growth Fd Acc	90.01	96.01	-0.19	
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Income #	107.10	110.40†		5.80
Investment Pflo	209.50	216.00	-0.30	1.71
-do- Accum	258.20	266.10	-0.40	1.71
UK Select Pflo	198.10	204.20	-0.90	1.60
-do- Accum	247.30	254.90	-1.20	1.60
UK 100 Cos	154.00	154.00†	-0.60	1.93
-do- Accum	162.90	162.90†	-0.70	1.93
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 389 060				
Managed Tst	84.19	89.56		3.74
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	95.70	101.60†	+0.30	4.14
European	146.80	155.80	-0.50	0.54
Income #	99.26	105.40†	-0.20	3.77
Nth American	93.50	99.26	+2.24	
Far East	104.20	110.61	[illegible]	0.35
Japan	45.70	48.42	-0.21	
Emrgng Mkts	50.83	54.36	+0.86	0.44
Intl Growth	127.10	134.90	+0.40	0.88
UK Growth	129.30	137.30	-0.70	1.88
UK Smlr Co	57.83	61.39	-0.18	1.75
Asia Pacific	18.39	19.67	+0.28	0.15
Glob Gwth PEP	68.88	73.11	-0.28	0.66
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	103.50	110.20	+2.70	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Income	592.42	630.23†	-1.54	2.69
Global Inc	93.64	99.62†	+0.27	2.30
Eur Leaders Inc	426.07	453.90†	-2.12	1.87
Intl Leaders	263.08	279.87†	+2.42	0.38
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	393.80	414.90	+6.700	
-do- Accum	421.00	443.70	+7.300	
American Opps	119.70	125.70	+1.200	
-do- Accum	119.60	127.30	+1.200	
Bal Port	111.10	117.80	+0.500	2.52
-do- Accum	141.80	150.30	-0.600	2.52
British Blue Chip	126.50	134.50	+0.500	2.45
-do- Accum	168.40	179.10	-0.500	2.45
Cash	100.90	100.90		7.17
-do- Accum	163.40	163.40		7.17
Emerging Mkts	70.95	76.29	-1.250	0.40
-do- Accum	71.85	77.37	-1.260	0.40
European Growth	473.60	501.50†	+4.000	0.11
-do- Accum	517.40	547.90†	+5.000	0.11
General	671.80	714.10†	-0.600	2.18
-do- Accum	1425.00	1515.00†	+1.000	2.18
Global Bond	138.30	145.30	+0.100	4.02
-do- Accum	196.60	206.60	+0.200	4.02
Gold & General	108.30	116.40	-7.70	
-do- Accum	112.10	120.50	-2.20	
Govt Securities	108.40	111.70	+0.300	4.64
-do- Accum	249.90	257.60	+0.500	4.64
High Yield Bd	114.80	117.50†	-0.400	5.38
-do- Accum	135.00	138.20†	+0.500	5.38
Income	229.50	244.40†	+0.600	3.89
-do- Accum	405.00	432.60†	+1.200	3.89
Inc Portfolio #	132.90	140.90	+0.700	5.00
-do- Accum #	156.40	165.70	+0.600	5.00
Intl Opps	545.70	580.10	+1.40	0.91
-do- Accum	746.10	795.60	-2.30	0.91
Japan	113.60	120.60	-0.60	
-do- Accum	116.60	123.70	-0.70	
New Europe	299.30	318.30	+1.700	0.58
-do- Accum	315.30	335.70	+1.700	0.58
Pacific	47.22	50.30	+0.580	1.16
-do- Accum	51.48	54.73	+0.630	1.16
Recovery	465.80	496.90	-1.10	2.80
-do- Accum	631.70	673.80	-1.70	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	84.01	89.39†	+2.600	1.74
-do- Accum	75.82	80.97†	+3.150	1.74
Managed Gth	134.10	140.40	+0.500	1.81
Managed Inc	141.70	147.10	+0.500	3.75
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126 Mon-Fri 8am-8pm				
Balanced	81.13	84.45	-0.15	2.24
-do- Accum	92.52	96.88	-0.73	2.24
British Tst	136.10	142.50	-0.30	1.37
-do- Accum	168.90	176.90	-0.40	1.37
Corp Bond Inc	111.10	115.10	+0.30	5.76
-do- Accum	125.90	130.50	-0.30	5.76
Extra High Inc #	97.87	99.01	-0.18	5.83
-do- Accum #	207.10	216.90	-0.40	5.83

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FTSE 100 Acc	95.25	98.74	-0.15	1.81
FTSE 100 Dist	86.10	90.16	-0.13	1.81
Gilt & Fxd Int	63.39	65.86†	+0.15	5.48
-do- Accum	223.10	232.20†	+0.50	5.48
High Yield #	299.20	313.30	-1.20	5.60
-do- Accum #	898.30	940.60	-3.50	5.60
Household Names	120.19	128.70†	+0.10	1.27
Income #	398.50	415.20	-5.50	3.81
-do- Accum #	994.60	1041.	-14.00	3.81
Money Market UT	49.56	49.56	+0.01	6.80
-do- Accum	91.45	91.45	+0.02	6.80
Monthly Income	117.50	123.00	-1.50	3.95
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	176.20	187.40	-0.30	1.76
European Growth	208.00	221.50	-3.70	
Gilt & Fixed	127.10	134.80	-0.30	4.35
Income	135.10	143.70	-2.40	3.88
Japan Growth	27.88	29.55	+0.10	
Managed	100.70	107.10	-0.60	2.20
Money Market	105.80	113.30		6.11
North American	142.30	150.80	+3.40	...
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	159.80	169.80	-0.30	1.76
European Growth	195.00	207.70	-3.40	
Gilt & Fixed Inc	117.70	124.80	+0.50	4.35
Income	133.60	142.10	-0.80	3.65
Japan Growth	28.00	29.68	+0.10	
Managed	95.60	102.20	-0.60	2.21
Money Market	98.50	104.40		6.11
North American	127.50	135.10	+3.00	
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	158.20	168.30	-0.30	1.76
European Growth	190.50	201.90	-3.40	
Gilt & Fixed Int	103.50	109.70	+0.10	4.41
Income	129.70	138.00	-0.80	3.86
Japan Growth	28.55	30.28	+0.10	
Managed	99.55	105.90		2.22
Money Market	88.05	93.34	+0.02	5.71
North American	141.90	150.50	+3.40	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 545 7474 Enquiries: 0171 545 7171				
American Gwth	622.40	658.00	+10.00	..
European Gth Inc	719.60	765.20	+3.30	...
-do- Accum	727.50	773.60	+3.30	
UK Equity Inc	265.70	282.90	-0.40	4.32
Do. Accum	380.60	404.40	-0.50	4.32
UK Growth Inc	158.10	170.00†	-0.10	2.46
-do- Accum	166.30	178.80†	-0.10	2.46
UK Ind Trckr Inc	238.60	256.10	-0.10	2.64
-do- Accum	306.80	329.80	-0.10	2.64
US Eq Inc Trk Inc	393.20	414.80†	+7.00	0.80
Asian Tiger	88.53	95.12	+1.44	0.67
Mngd Pfolio Inc	218.90	233.00	+0.40	1.44
Mngd Pfolio Acc	246.30	262.10	+0.40	1.44
Europe	285.90	307.50†	+0.90	
High Income	19.44	20.76	+0.08	10.00
Japan Growth	67.35	71.78†	-0.32	...
UK Blue Chip Acc	138.10	147.10		1.62
All-Wlth Eq Acc	91.56	98.73†	+0.41	...
Wld Opps Gth Acc	83.35	88.55	+1.39	1.09
Wld Opps Gth Inc	83.35	88.55	+1.39	1.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 033				
American Growth	66.66	68.01†	+1.55	...
Equity Income #	126.40	130.00	+1.00	3.76
European	123.40	125.70	+1.50	...
Smaller Cos	82.44	87.36		1.23
Wwide Eqty	85.49	87.13†	+1.05	...
Global Bond	43.60	44.06†	+0.05	4.12
UK Growth	131.80	135.80	-0.80	1.70
Pacific Growth	53.97	55.33†	+0.90	2.09
Japan Growth	78.85	80.04†	-0.46	...
OEICS				
Portfolio Acc A ‡	48.26		+0.40	2.15
Portfolio Inc A ‡	48.02		+0.39	2.15
Gilt Acc A ‡	54.61	†	+0.26	5.75
Gilt Inc A ‡	52.39	†	+0.28	5.75
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	188.35	200.37	-0.82	1.94
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	153.80	161.90	+3.80	...
European Dist	221.50	233.20	+0.80	...
Far East Dist	93.24	98.15†	+0.38	...
Global Care Dist	105.90	111.50	+0.70	0.81
Overs Dist	1095.20	1152.80	+6.50	...
-do- Accum	1425.00	1500.00	+8.40	...
UK Dist	526.90	554.60	-0.50	1.39
-do- Accum	1104.10	1162.20	-0.80	1.20
UK Extra Inc Dist	115.20	121.39†	-0.10	2.12
Wwide Dist	122.40	128.80	+0.40	0.46
Wwide Inc Dist	97.28	102.41	+0.10	2.30
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 0870 601 0147 Admin Enq: 0870 603 0148				
Europe Inc	116.45	122.90	+0.15	0.68
Fund of Funds Inc	77.15	81.43	+0.05	1.13
North America Inc	77.60	81.90	+1.56	...
UK Equity Gth Inc	86.68	91.48	-0.49	1.39
-do- Accum	96.77	102.13	-0.54	1.39
UK General Inc	82.41	86.98	-0.02	0.80
-do- Accum	94.12	99.34	+0.03	0.80
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	52.74	55.55	+0.18	5.49
UK Income Inc	80.38	84.83†	+0.06	1.84
UK Smlr Cos Inc	130.41	137.64	+0.04	2.03
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	63.53	67.58	+1.08	...
-do- Accum	64.02	68.10	+1.04	...
Intl Bond	145.68	154.56	+0.29	4.24
Cash Income	51.02	51.02	+0.01	6.76
-do- Accum	75.97	75.97	+0.01	6.76
Challenger	94.33	99.16	+0.14	1.70
Distribution	132.15	140.58†	-0.74	2.22
European	96.04	102.16	+0.88	...
Eqpt H. Gth	111.13	111.21	+0.04	2.12
Foundation	128.19	136.37†	-0.25	1.08
Managed Inc	271.35	288.67	+0.40	1.33
Managed Acc	279.44	297.27	+0.41	1.33
Growth Inc	167.57	178.26	-0.60	0.92
Growth Acc	175.79	187.01	-0.62	0.92
Higher Income Inc #	41.86	44.53†	-0.19	4.53
-do- Accum #	55.16	58.70†	-0.25	4.63
High Yield Bond #	103.29	107.84†	-0.45	6.99
Income	373.07	396.88	-0.54	2.38
Intrepid	165.26	172.14	+0.09	1.19
Intl Gwth	42.68	45.40	+0.34	
Japan	20.33	21.62†	-0.10	
Oriental Inc	78.70	83.72†	+0.44	0.32
-do- Accum	82.21	87.45†	+0.46	0.30
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income	59.75	59.75	+0.48	5.50
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	158.81	168.41†	+0.82	1.53
UK Equity	202.99	215.69†	-1.05	2.51
UK Equity Income #	180.84	192.79	-0.70	4.93
UK Smaller Cos	150.93	165.01	-0.10	2.00
UK Equity Growth	183.67	196.50	-0.44	1.42
UK Index Trckg	211.42	224.25†	+0.26	2.20
Intl Index Trckg	192.15	203.61†	-2.11	0.70
International	301.45	319.94	+1.77	1.00
European	383.50	407.13†	+1.54	0.37
Pan European	218.65	232.25		1.19
Nth American	293.79	311.42	+4.04	0.22
N Amer Smlr Cos	316.82	337.38	+5.64	0.10
Japanese	58.49	62.09	-0.23	...
Pacific	128.11	136.14	+0.74	2.32
South East Asian	125.98	134.58	+1.46	2.69
Sterling Bond	115.05	121.11	+0.01	5.19
Intl Bond	127.33	134.03	-0.37	4.07
Gilt & Convertible	124.92	131.49	+0.43	5.33
Property	95.00	100.00	-0.10	4.61
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01296 796 686				
European Inc	442.20	473.00	+5.40	0.44
-do- Accum	470.80	503.60	+5.70	0.44
Japan Inc	60.58	64.16	-0.36	...
Nth American Inc	218.50	231.40†	+4.90	
Worldwide Inc	218.10	231.90†	+2.00	
HK & China Inc	94.03	100.60†	+2.15	3.24
Swiss Equities Inc	126.60	135.00	+0.70	
Wwide Bond Inc	71.55	75.61†	+0.10	3.93
Emging Asia Inc	75.77	81.40	+0.87	2.43
-do- Accum	76.35	82.02	-0.82	2.43
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.37	50.37†	+0.01	6.71
Thailand Inc	23.05	24.94	+0.21	0.20
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	82.67	88.58	+0.41	0.58
Latin Am Corp Inc	39.09	42.08	+2.10	1.94
UK Alt Sh Mkt Inc	88.65	90.09	-0.05	2.30
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Blue	92.43	98.33	+1.08	0.19
Global Portfolio	76.31	81.61	+0.96	
Way Global Red	67.89	72.22	+1.29	
Marsh Global Gth	64.91	68.77	+0.43	0.03
AMR Bnd Gwth Inc	140.00	150.10	-0.40	1.31
Temple Equity Inc	52.11	56.06	+0.03	0.99
Harbcy Growth	150.10	159.70	-0.30	1.61
IPS Portfolio Inc	105.80	112.00	+1.80	
UFC Growth	73.11	77.37	+2.20	0.23
Clanfield Port of Fdc	58.87	62.46		0.12
Pvg Intl Equity	80.59	86.19	+0.28	0.06
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	353.00	375.50	-1.90	1.45
-do- Accum	800.30	851.20	-4.40	1.45
Growth	235.50	247.90	+1.80	1.77
Income	341.90	363.70	+2.50	2.71
Intl Equity	324.30	344.90†	+3.60	0.22
-do- Accum	364.70	388.00	+4.10	0.22
Equity Income #	89.90	95.63	+1.05	3.97
Equity Growth	123.10	130.90	+0.98	1.24
New Europe	150.20	159.70	+2.60	
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	761.62	812.68	+2.88	0.53
-do- Accum	789.50	821.08	+2.71	0.53
Income #	554.68	590.25	-3.85	3.26
Wwide Recovery	496.81	531.35	+1.38	0.43
Amer Growth Inc	363.21	386.07	+1.84	
-do- Accum	363.21	386.07	+1.84	
Intl Emerging Cos	295.73	316.29	+1.18	0.27
Far Estn Gth Inc	176.69	188.98	+2.91	1.90
-do- Accum	180.25	192.79	+2.97	1.90
Euro Gwth Inc	289.76	309.24	+2.57	0.15
-do- Accum	290.76	310.31	+2.57	0.15
UK Growth Inc	132.54	141.76	-0.66	2.33
-do- Accum	148.44	158.77	-0.74	2.33
High Income #	144.18	154.21	-0.87	3.43
Jap Gwth Inc	123.15	131.66	+0.55	0.08
-do- Accum	123.15	131.66	+0.55	0.08
PEP Bond	67.39	70.42	-0.34	7.02
PEP Growth	172.57	184.36	+0.89	0.74
Asian Sm Mkts Inc	58.02	62.05	+1.04	0.69
-do- Accum	58.54	62.61	+1.03	0.69
Amer Smlr Co Inc	219.44	234.16	-0.24	
-do- Accum	219.44	234.16	-0.24	
Global Bond	51.78	55.39†	+0.35	4.97
UK Smaller Cos Inc	113.35	121.23	-0.38	2.06
-do- Accum	124.29	132.94	-0.33	2.06
Lat Am Gwth Inc	19.97	21.31	+0.97	2.14
-do- Accum	20.30	21.65	+1.00	2.14
World Inc PEP #	46.56	49.70†	+0.08	3.99
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	154.40	164.75	+4.36	
European	136.63	145.35†	+3.19	
Global	32.32	34.38	+0.52	
Pacific	29.81	31.59	+0.32	
UK Inc & Gth	95.57	101.67	+1.26	1.23
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 8808 Dlg: 0171 638 0800				
Asia	28.76	30.43	+0.38	
Emerg Mkts	23.68	25.00†	+0.35	0.68
Euro Fund	59.24	62.69	+1.63	
Fund of Funds	211.60	223.90	+3.00	0.02
High Income #	61.77	65.36†	+0.37	5.32
Performance	51.41	54.40	+0.83	...
Select Managers	92.74	98.14	+0.18	
PREMIER PORTFOLIO MGRS LTD				
01483 456 832				
Dividend	140.40	150.20†	+2.60	3.70
Intl Gth & Inc	300.30	319.60	+3.30	
UK & Gen	61.39	65.66†	+1.03	0.28
Fund of Funds	77.29	82.39	+1.47	
Perm Bal Growth	77.14	79.11†	+1.93	0.06
Enterprise	120.20	126.50	+0.60	1.36
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	195.63	202.94†	+0.04	2.04
For Prolific UT see Aberdeen Prolific UT				
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing: 0345 400000 Client Enq: 0345 535500				
Managed Tst	47.43	49.15†	-0.32	2.31
Cash Haven Inc	101.37	101.87†	-0.02	6.46
Cash Haven Acc	129.91	130.56	-0.02	6.46
Dist Tst Inc	116.70	120.93	-0.26	5.04
Dist Trust Acc	142.51	147.68	-1.71	5.04
Global Growth	113.12	120.34†	+0.67	0.99
Equity Inc	101.17	107.53†	-0.97	3.96
Equity	1074.80	1143.40	-7.39	1.69

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European	387.71	401.77	-0.21	0.66
High Income	103.60	110.43†	-0.57	5.11
Intl Gth	224.97	239.33	+1.07	1.14
Intl Sm Co	90.21	95.97	+0.25	1.62
Japanese	109.13	112.89†	-0.81	
Mgd Income Tst #	50.98	52.78†	-0.80	7.28
Nth Amer	299.97	310.59	+5.68	0.98
Pacific Mkts	57.91	60.01†	+0.93	3.07
Premier Inc	52.98	56.13	+0.19	6.06
Sm Cos	107.80	114.68	-0.11	2.08
Spec Sits	146.93	156.31	-0.66	1.86
UK Growth	179.72	191.19†	-0.45	1.73
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 550 0990				
Fl Int Inv Inc	103.48	109.97†	+0.08	3.49
Investment Trust	123.19	130.91†	+0.34	0.52
UK Smaller Cos	114.37	121.54	-3.27	1.80
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	447.50	474.70	+2.70	2.35
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000 Client Services: 0800 124 314				
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	24.41	25.49	+0.36	...
Cash	48.61	50.63	+0.01	5.55
Emerging Mkts	26.41	27.58	+0.28	
Europe	90.50	94.51	+2.44	..
Global Fixed Int #	50.55	52.79	-0.03	4.22
Japan	26.05	27.20		
North America	82.14	85.78	+2.63	
UK	81.04	84.63	+1.12	0.03
UK Equity Inc #	72.83	76.06	+1.24	3.69
UK Fixed Int #	56.98	59.50	-0.10	6.20
Five Arrows Independently Managed Funds				
Independent Gwth	59.44	62.66	+1.09	
Independent Inc #	60.90	64.10	+0.97	2.67
Five Arrows Global Investment Funds				
A Shares				
Asian Opps ‡	24.62	..	+0.35	0.13
Asia Pacific ‡	24.97	..	+0.49	2.47
Europe ‡	54.45	..	+0.61	..
Japan ‡	34.25	..	-0.17	
Latin America ‡	19.56	..	+0.56	2.41
North America ‡	49.38	..	+1.26	
UK Eq Income #	31.78	..	+0.24	3.89
UK Major Cos ‡	53.14	..	+0.39	1.13
UK Smaller Cos ‡	54.04	...		1.42
ROYAL & SUN ALLIANCE UT MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0870 601 8185 Dealing: 0870 601 8863				
Royal & Sun Alliance Trusts				
Equity	1423.00	1505.00	+1.00	1.38
Equity Income #	141.50	149.70	+0.20	4.13
European	253.40	268.10	+1.10	
High Inc Bond	51.64	51.72	-0.07	5.41
Portfolio	136.60	144.60	+0.70	1.28
UK Index Trckg	250.30	264.80	-0.30	2.86
UK Leading Cos	108.10	114.30	-0.10	2.41
UK Smaller Cos	133.70	141.42	-4.50	1.21
Royal Life Trusts				
High Inc Dist	209.60	221.70†	-0.50	3.14
Intl Growth	89.76	95.00	+1.12	...
Managed	220.60	233.40	+1.00	0.48
Pacific Basin	49.44	52.54	+0.26	0.73
United States	170.10	180.09†	+4.10	0.30
Sun Alliance Trusts				
Far East	105.90	112.00	+0.60	1.46
Wwide Bond	58.71	61.57	+0.13	4.80
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 794 400				
American Growth	254.20	269.80	+6.60	0.99
European Growth	233.60	248.50†	+4.60	1.22
Far East Growth	70.16	74.68	+1.13	3.40
Japan Growth	73.46	78.12	-0.06	0.69
Special Sits	238.40	253.60†	+4.00	2.46
UK Growth	127.80	135.90	+3.00	2.44
Intl Growth	315.80	335.80	+6.70	1.60
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 0500				
Far East Inc	85.32	90.29	+0.95	1.37
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	574.80	608.30	-1.40	1.31
-do- Accum	908.50	951.40	-2.30	1.31
Growth Inc	179.80	190.30†	-0.60	1.20
-do- Accum	185.90	196.70†	-0.80	1.20
International Inc	470.20	497.60†	-1.10	0.86
-do- Accum	656.30	694.50†	-1.60	0.86
Nth Am & Intl Inc	462.20	489.10	+6.60	1.80
UK Gen Prog Inc	337.60	357.30	-0.60	2.01
-do- Accum	397.40	420.50	-0.90	2.01
UK High Inc Inc	181.90	192.50†	-0.90	4.10
SAMWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
European Gwth	137.25	146.04	+0.99	1.00
Global Bd	62.86	66.20	+0.12	5.09
UK Gwth	120.71	128.41	+0.48	1.75
SARASIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Dlg 0171 782 0430 Enq 0171 246 6305				
Growth Acc	324.10	341.20		
Income	670.40	705.70†		4.40
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokers: 0800 727 770				
Amer Smlr Cos	159.80	169.70	+2.30	
Cash	149.50	149.50		6.93
China Dragon	36.44	38.77	+0.61	2.13
Commodity	79.25	84.31	+0.53	..
Emerging Mkts	21.67	23.05	+0.43	1.61
European Gwth	342.30	364.20	+0.80	..
Euro Smlr Cos	94.77	100.80	+1.01	..
Extra Income #	69.26	71.77†	+0.01	4.65
Far Eastern	58.33	62.05	+0.12	..
FE Sm Cos	30.56	32.50	+0.22	1.19
Financial Secs	407.70	433.70	+2.80	0.51
Gold & Exploration	26.43	28.12	-0.36	..
Growth	551.10	563.80	+2.60	0.68
High Income	56.21	55.21†	+0.15	6.66
Intl Bond	158.70	165.70†	-0.10	4.55
ITU	236.70	251.80	+1.70	0.40
Japan Growth	107.10	113.50†	-0.50	..
Japan Smaller	94.09	100.10	-0.50	
Korea	14.32	15.23	+0.06	
Latin America	24.35	25.90	+1.34	3.35
Masterfund	72.08	72.44	+0.27	0.80
Premier Eq Grth	226.00	240.40	+0.20	0.54
Premier Eq Inc #	469.10	499.00	-0.80	3.71
SE Asia	20.73	22.05	+0.26	1.03
Southern Africa	25.67	27.31†	+0.45	1.30
UK & Chess	224.50	238.80	+1.40	0.09
UK Eqy Gth	109.20	116.20	+0.10	0.41
UK Eqty Inc #	333.30	354.60	-0.60	3.81
UK Gth & Inc #	398.00	423.40	+3.10	2.42
UK Sm Cos	64.36	68.47	+0.08	0.23
US Growth	281.30	298.50	+5.10	
New Europe ‡	30.29	..	-0.22	
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	472.99	499.80	-0.58	0.66
-do- Accum	527.21	557.10	-0.66	0.66
European Gwth	131.09	138.92	-0.29	0.43
Euro Smlr Cos	139.56	148.76	-1.39	
-do- Accum	141.57	150.91	-1.41	
Far Eastern Gth	84.14	88.41	+0.65	0.36
-do- Accum	65.44	68.89	+0.66	0.36
Gilt & Fixed Int #	60.17	63.36†	+0.39	6.68
Global Bond #	45.47	46.88	+0.12	5.39
-do- Accum #	58.94	61.93	+0.15	5.39
Global Emer Mkts	28.07	29.94	+0.58	..
-do- Accum	28.17	30.04	+0.58	..
Income #	468.20	497.27†	-5.71	4.92
-do- Accum #	1700.66	1814.06†	-20.82	4.92
Japan Smlr Cos	173.88	185.47	+1.58	...
-do- Accum	174.33	185.84	+1.58	..
Japan Enterprise	39.57	42.20	+0.28	..
Pacific Gwth	66.89	71.34†	+0.92	1.48
-do- Accum	70.19	74.87†	+0.97	1.48
Portfolio	105.62	112.19†	-0.32	2.21
-do- Accum	121.01	128.54†	-0.36	2.21
Seoul	11.20	11.94	+0.02	0.71
-do- Accum	11.20	11.94	+0.02	0.71
Strategic Inc	109.83	116.71†	+0.45	0.39
Strategic Acc	114.65	121.40†	+0.46	0.39
Tokyo	87.79	93.64†	+0.40	
-do- Accum	88.68	94.59†	+0.41	
UK Enterprise	354.35	377.97	-0.42	2.31
-do- Accum	455.08	485.41	-0.54	2.31
UK Equity	351.27	374.68	-2.21	0.83
-do- Accum	737.08	786.22	-4.63	0.83
UK Smaller Cos	376.65	401.76	-0.95	0.62
-do- Accum	454.68	484.99	-1.15	0.62
US Smlr Cos	287.08	306.21	+9.07	
-do- Accum	287.08	306.21	+9.07	...
Institutional Funds				
European	425.59	441.31	+4.48	0.96
-do- Accum	489.11	507.18	+5.15	0.95
Euro Smlr Cos	44.53	48.38	+0.18	1.27
-do- Accum	48.75	50.77	+0.19	1.27
Global Equity Inc	108.23	112.26	+1.50	0.65
Japan Smlr Cos	17.64	18.37	+0.05	0.22
-do- Accum	17.92	18.66	+0.06	0.22
Overseas Equity	221.45	229.94	+2.15	0.86
-do- Accum	236.40	245.47	+2.30	0.86
Overs Smlr Cos	124.94	130.14†	+0.41	0.35
-do- Accum	133.72	139.28†	-0.43	0.35
Pacific	124.28	129.45	+3.05	2.86
-do- Accum	141.63	147.53	+3.48	2.86
Recovery	2409.82	2509.39	-69.36	3.25
-do- Accum	2789.78	2896.64	-80.06	3.25
UK Small Cos	148.60	154.79†	-0.25	2.86
-do- Accum	172.05	179.21†	-0.30	2.86
US Smlr Cos	81.08	84.45	-0.13	0.27
-do- Accum	64.01	66.68	-0.13	0.27
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	68.45	71.44†	+1.77	1.79
Equity Trust	99.92	105.67†	+2.54	2.23
Equity Strategy	99.87	105.61†	+2.47	1.47
European Opps	147.30	155.77	+4.53	0.59
UK Smaller Cos	76.45	80.85†	+0.05	1.52
Maximum Inc	98.58	101.14†	+0.04	6.12
Japanese	41.45	43.83	-0.19	
Asia Pacific	59.74	63.17	+0.80	3.14
American	168.80	178.40	+3.26	1.12
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	30.67	30.67†		7.06
UK Eq Gwth Inc	72.60	77.43†	-0.15	2.36
-do- Accum	102.87	109.73†	-0.21	2.36
Intl Income	340.51	362.13	-1.14	1.42
-do- Accum	611.73	650.56	-2.04	1.42
European	155.10	164.71	-0.65	1.07
Japan	41.57	44.04	-0.25	1.52
American	143.77	152.03†	+2.60	0.97
Far East Tech	43.73	46.64	-0.61	2.61
Ethical Inc	44.65	47.76	-0.07	1.62
-do- Accum	52.90	56.58	-0.01	1.62
UK Plus Chip Inc	50.33	53.75†	-0.18	2.20
-do- Accum	53.36	57.69†	-0.22	2.20
UK Equity Inc	54.78	58.43	-0.01	3.56
-do- Accum	84.18	89.70	-0.02	3.56
UK Global Inc	59.24	63.01†	-0.03	2.69
-do- Accum	66.56	70.78†	+0.08	2.69
Wwide Inc	100.34	106.69	-0.29	1.24
Europe Tactical	116.73	124.52	-0.40	0.60
Technology	204.96	217.54	-1.57	0.28
Dist Inc	29.73	31.55	-0.05	5.24
-do- Accum	32.53	34.52	-0.06	5.24
UK Ex Inc Inc	27.03	28.58†	+0.01	6.66
-do- Accum	30.98	32.73†	+0.01	6.66
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	645.80	687.60	-0.30	1.61
American	473.10	500.80	+7.80	0.16
Pacific	240.30	256.60	+0.10	0.43
European	896.70	951.50	+0.20	0.61
Worldwide	95.37	101.20	+0.20	0.33
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	406.00	431.90	-0.20	1.86
-do- Accum	555.00	590.40	-0.40	1.86
UK Sh Co Eq Inc	239.20	254.40	-0.10	2.50
-do- Accum	301.90	321.10	-0.10	2.50
Select Quality Inc	99.11	106.00†	-0.18	1.57
Income Plus Inc	103.70	110.20†	-0.30	3.21
European Inc	634.80	674.00†		0.30
-do- Accum	736.40	781.90		0.30
Far Eastern Inc	86.00	91.49†	-0.64	2.24
-do- Accum	101.00	107.40	-0.70	2.24
Japanese Inc	37.25	39.61†	-0.02	
Nth American Inc	446.50	474.70	+6.60	0.03
-do- Accum	464.00	525.40	+7.30	0.03
Intl Growth Inc	241.95	257.20	-0.90	0.53
Wwide Venture Inc	106.80	113.30†	-0.50	0.86
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	544.90	574.80	+11.10	1.56
-do- Accum	858.00	905.50	-19.10	1.56
UK High Inc #	264.30	279.70	-5.40	3.43
-do- Accum #	427.70	451.80	-8.70	3.43

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Europe Inc	732.30	773.70	+27.90	0.21
-do- Accum	780.30	824.40	+28.70	0.21
Nth Amer Inc	423.40	447.30	+7.30	
Global Inc	290.80	307.20	+7.70	0.81
Global Acc	317.10	335.00	+8.40	0.81
UK Spec Sits Inc	151.80	160.20	+3.10	1.07
South East Asia	89.01	94.04	+1.30	1.04
Cash Trust Inc	101.60	101.60	+0.10	[illegible]
UK Smlr Cos Inc	115.60	122.20	+0.10	2.57
-do- Accum	125.80	132.70		2.57
Intl Bond Inc	92.32	97.09	-0.50	[illegible]
International Strat	89.10	94.36	+1.20	
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	231.60	243.70†	+2.40	[illegible]
Nth American	176.50	185.80†	+4.90	[illegible]
Intl Bond & Conv	141.10	148.50		[illegible]
Pooled Pension	283.20	304.50	+1.60	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	126.50	133.20	+0.30	[illegible]
UK General #	205.30	216.00	+0.80	[illegible]
Far Eastern	44.88	47.24	+0.36	[illegible]
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 0226				
Continental	135.40	142.80	+1.20	[illegible]
Global Gwth	95.42	101.70	+1.20	[illegible]
Inv Tst Port	62.55	66.54	+0.07	[illegible]
Managed	1606.55	1676.65	+15.96	[illegible]
Pref Inc #	113.50	120.80	-0.10	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	273.90	291.30	+1.40	[illegible]
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	115.71	...	-0.31	[illegible]
Sterling Reserve ‡	101.71	...	+0.03	[illegible]
Corporate Inc ‡	105.69	...	+0.01	[illegible]
Tai Pan ‡	55.58	...	+1.34	
Aztec ‡	40.51	...	-1.64	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	177.41	...	+4.70	
European ‡	240.44	...	+0.03	
Global Bond ‡	94.29	...	+0.50	[illegible]
Samurai ‡	35.63	...	-0.64	
UK Growth ‡	132.73	...	-0.48	[illegible]
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	92.02	...	-0.22	[illegible]
Investment Trust ‡	116.78	...	-0.66	[illegible]
The Football Fd ‡	85.85	...	-0.48	
Reserve Roll Up ‡	108.08	...	+0.01	
Dmark Reserve ‡	109.56	...	+0.09	[illegible]
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	546.10	576.80	+18.00	[illegible]
Capital	171.10	181.00	+5.40	[illegible]
Cash	102.81	102.81	+0.04	[illegible]
European	223.30	236.30	+3.50	[illegible]
Far Eastern	104.70	110.70	+0.50	[illegible]
Growth	205.60	217.50	+7.00	[illegible]
Income #	172.80	183.80†	+5.10	[illegible]
Magnum	173.30	183.30	+3.60	[illegible]
Smlr Secs	655.10	693.10	+10.20	[illegible]
Thoroughbred	205.60	217.50	+4.30	[illegible]
SOCIETE GENERALE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Broker Deals 0800 783 3604				
UK Growth Acc	83.86	89.20†	+0.35	[illegible]
Technology	89.71	95.44	+0.80	
Euro Gwth Acc	78.57	83.47		
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0800 73 11 853				
Capital Prinmco	61.58	63.48	-0.65	[illegible]
Ethical	85.97	91.94	-0.15	[illegible]
European Growth	122.00	129.30	-0.30	[illegible]
Income #	69.06	73.86	+0.56	[illegible]
Intl Growth	118.60	125.60	+1.30	[illegible]
Managed	113.30	120.00	+0.40	[illegible]
UK Growth	77.57	82.96	+0.43	[illegible]
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	53.42	53.89†	+1.10	[illegible]
Global Advtg Acc	59.20	59.50	+1.20	[illegible]
Income Advtg Inc	43.29	43.51	+1.00	[illegible]
Income Advtg Acc	53.26	53.53	+1.20	[illegible]
UK Equity Gth Acc	133.30	141.40	+2.10	[illegible]
Premier Inc Inc	56.61	58.60	-0.20	[illegible]
Premier Inc Acc	68.73	69.07	-0.20	[illegible]
Managed Acc	73.90	78.34	+1.50	[illegible]
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc #	51.84	54.96	+1.40	[illegible]
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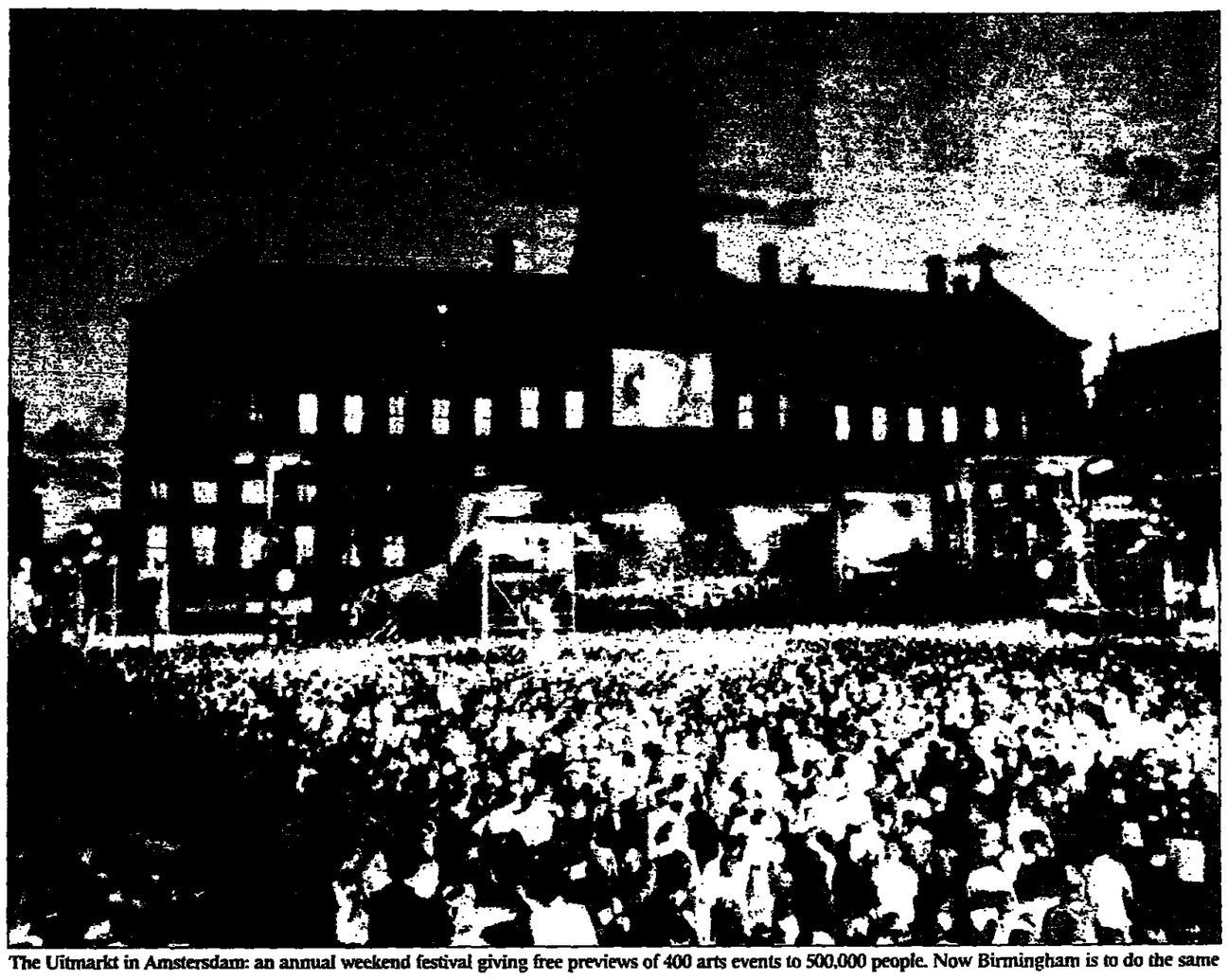
Putting Derek Jarman's words to music

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Roll up for a taste of things to come

Birmingham is offering 200 free previews of imminent arts events. It's a brilliant idea, says **Daniel Rosenthal**



The Uitmarkt in Amsterdam: an annual weekend festival giving free previews of 400 arts events to 500,000 people. Now Birmingham is to do the same

At next week's inaugural Birmingham ArtsFest, the Royal Shakespeare Company will present *Shakespeare's Twister*, a 30-minute quiz in which actors provide "an unholy alliance of stand-up comedy, audience participation and the best of the Bard". Purists will squirm, and comparisons with the Reduced Shakespeare Company are inevitable. Yet this attempt by the RSC to widen its audience is precisely the kind of unstuffy initiative that ArtsFest's organisers hope will make it a revolution in cultural marketing.

Between 8pm on Friday September 25 and 11pm on Sunday September 27 there will be 200 free performances lasting 30 minutes or less, at ten indoor and three outdoor venues across Birmingham city centre. Seventy West Midlands-based music, theatre, dance and visual arts groups, including Birmingham's Symphony Orchestra, Touring Opera and Royal Ballet, will perform short pieces or "taster" extracts. Some will also hold workshops.

The showcase approach has numerous precedents at trade level. The Society of London Theatre, for example, invites hundreds of corporate hospitality bookers to sample chunks from forthcoming West End shows. The British public, however, has never had access to such a wide-ranging package of "Taste now, buy later" previews.

ArtsFest is modelled on Amsterdam's hugely successful Uitmarkt, which for the past 20 years has transformed the last weekend in August into a 48-hour celebration of imminent cultural attractions. A visit to Uitmarkt 1998 demonstrated that Birmingham has borrowed a superb recipe.

The event's guiding principle is that you should be able to watch, say, a bizarre multimedia show, an all-girl pop band, a quirky comedy duo and a classical pianist all within the space of two hours and 200 metres. For free. It offered 400 performances at 26 venues, with the artists waiving fees (as they will at ArtsFest).

Total attendance was about 500,000, with 10,000 people gathering in front of the Koninklijk Palace on Dam Square for the opening gala, featuring the flamboyant cabaret star Karin Bloemen. Thousands more tuned in to television and radio highlights.

> 'The British public has never before been able to taste now and buy later'

Two information markets, with about 60 covered stalls at each, provided posters, leaflets and booking forms (ArtsFest will have a similar set-up on Centenary Square). All in all, Uitmarkt is perfect for relaxed "cultural grazing": you have not paid to watch, so there is no resentment if a show disappoints, minimal frustration if you have a poor view outdoors, or fail to get into a packed indoor event.

Theatergroep de grens adopted the most tantalising tactics with its production of Tracey Letts's black comedy, *Killer Joe*. After 20 minutes, as we were beginning to delight in Letts's white trash characters, the actors froze and a voice over the PA invited us to book for the play's Amsterdam run in October. Talk about "Always leave them wanting more".

The 64,000-guilder question, of course, is: do those who enjoy Uitmarkt subsequently buy tickets for full-length performances? It is indicative of Holland's relaxed approach to arts marketing (attributable, perhaps, to state subsidies of up to 90 per cent) that no research has been carried out.

Michiel Buchel, managing director of Amsterdam's Uit Buro, which manages the weekend, says: "Anecdotally, we know a lot of people buy tickets months later, when they see an advertisement and recall an Uitmarkt performance. We want people to book ahead, but Uitmarkt is, above all, a party — a gift from artists to audience."

ArtsFest aims to recreate that party atmosphere, but Paul Kaynes, chief executive of Birmingham Arts Marketing, co-ordinating the event, wants to generate increased box-office revenue for all the participating companies. There will also be comprehensive audience research. Birmingham Arts Marketing surveys have shown that 75 per cent of the 2.4 million people living within a 45-minute drive of Birmingham city centre consider themselves "in the market" for arts events, but only 40 per cent are buying tickets. That leaves more than 800,000 potential new customers as ArtsFest's primary target.

"Many of those who don't currently attend believe that theatre, ballet or classical music are just not for them," says Kaynes. ArtsFest's no-risk, bite-sized presentation is, he argues, an ideal way to remove such barriers. "We also want to introduce regular arts consumers to the smaller, more peripatetic organisations which produce extraordinary work but don't have a large media profile."

Visitors will be asked to fill in an ArtsFest Passport, giving details of which companies they have watched, and can expect follow-up phone calls. This research is a requirement of the Arts Council New Audiences scheme, which has contributed £120,000 to ArtsFest, with a further £100,000 from Birmingham City Council.

Kaynes anticipates a total audience of about 80,000. And, given that Uitmarkt operated just three stages when it began in 1978 and took five years to double in size, he hopes ArtsFest will be given time to grow: "I have absolute faith in our ability to build a huge audience," he says. If he realises this vision, the ArtsFest formula should quickly be imitated by cities throughout Britain.

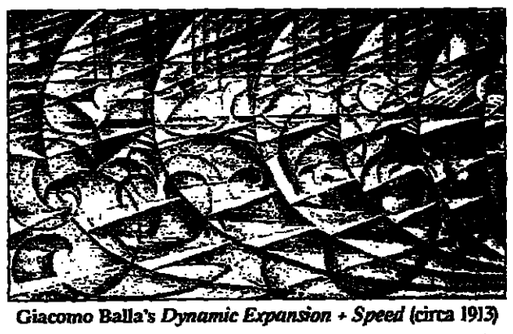
● *Details of ArtsFest are available from Birmingham Arts Marketing on 0121-622 1234*

VISUAL ART: John Russell Taylor admires some racy modern Italians

Fast forward to the Futurists

Unbelievably tiring. Life passes by me; Speed and time are conspiring to crucify me . . . So intoned Binnie Barnes in 1931, courtesy of Noël Coward. It was no doubt what the world-weary sophisticate would think. But the Italian Futurists, though undoubtedly sophisticated, took a different view. For them the essence of modernity was in speed, in flight. Far from wearying it invigorated, and formed the basis of all their art.

Despite the efforts of the Royal Academy's *Italian Art in the 20th Century* exhibition in 1989, turn-of-the-century Italian art is not well known in this country. An important move towards greater familiarity with some key figures was made earlier this year with the opening of the Estorick Collection of Modern Italian Art in Canonbury. The permanent collection includes some classic Futurist works, such as Balla's "simultaneous" painting of a violinist playing. Now, for its autumn show, the collection has brought over 23 prime Futurist paintings borrowed from the Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Moderna in Rome, which holds probably the best collection of Futurists.



Giacomo Balla's *Dynamic Expansion + Speed* (circa 1913)

It is not a huge show. But it is an undeniably choice one, and Giacomo Balla (1871-1958) is rightly headlined in the title. *Balla and Futurist Italy*. His eight works in the show sum up, and indeed largely anticipate, nearly all that Futurism strove for. *Dynamic Expansion + Speed* (1913) applies the simultaneity principle to a speeding car. *Bridge of Speed* (1913-15) features the dizzying aerial perspectives which fascinated Futurists in the experience of flying. *Science Against Obscurantism* (1920) reduces all to the confrontation of jagged opposing shapes.

The other great figure in bringing about the transition of Italian painting from hazy Symbolism to impulsive Modernism, Umberto Boccioni (1882-1916), is represented by two rather more traditional portraits, of a friend called Sylvia and of the composer Busoni. Other artists set off in different directions, but all from the dynamic centre which was the Futurist movement's resident philosopher, F.T. Marinetti. His wife Benedetta in fact provides one of the most thrilling evocations of flight. *Aeropainting of a Meeting with an Island* (1934-35), though Gerardo Dottori's brilliant, Disney-tinted *Miracle of Lights Flying* (1932) is not far behind — or below. The sheer energy level throughout is tonic, and unlike anything in British art of the time, even the Vorticists whom the Italian Futurists most resembled.

● *Estorick Collection of Modern Italian Art, 39a Canonbury Square, N1 (0171-704 9522) until Dec 13*



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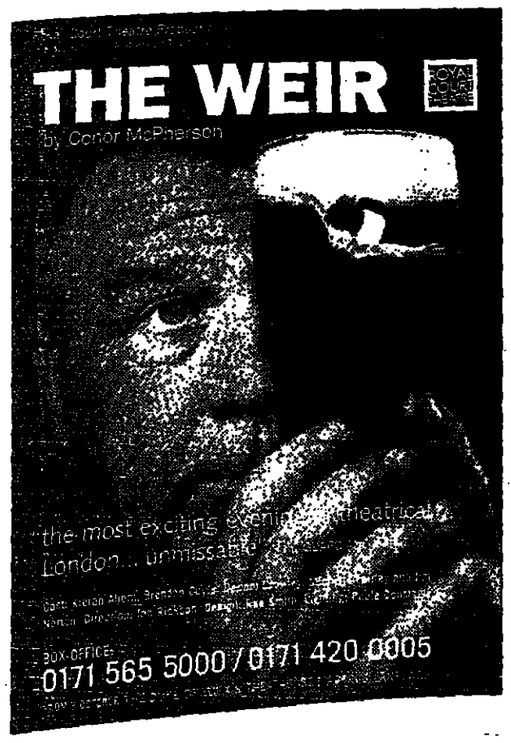
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Finn pickings

POP

AS THE mainstay of antipodean pop superstars Crowded House, Neil Finn found himself in the enviable position of fronting a band who won favour with both the critics and the record-buying public. But in 1996 Finn served an eviction order on Crowded House and launched a solo career, which began in earnest with the release last month of the album, *Try Whistling This*.

For the corresponding world tour Finn has assembled a whole new backing band, including his 14-year-old son, Liam, on guitar and occasional drums. An exhaustive American jaunt has knocked the group into shape: Liam never looked overawed by his surroundings, to the point where he even sang one of his own songs, *Empty Head*, during one of the extended encores.

It's a well-balanced set on the whole, with most of the new album getting an airing, along with the old reliables from the Crowded House songbook. After a sluggish start, Finn switched into showman mode by engaging the sellout crowd in Dublin's Olympia Theatre in a call-and-response routine during the forthcoming single, *Sinner*. There followed an acoustic interlude with fine versions of Crowded House favourites *Distant Sun* and *Four Seasons in One Day*, followed by a stint at the keyboards for *Walking on the Spot*.

The band returned but some of the new material, like *Dream Date* and *Faster than Light*, seemed formless and a bit too studied. The low point came when Finn started playing with his array of foot pedals, oblivious to the fact that his audience wasn't having quite the same fun as he was.

Fresh impetus was added by the supremely catchy pop of *She Will Have Her Way* and then it was time for the encores, which included the show-stopping *Don't Dream it's Over*.

NICK KELLY

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Guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargle

LONDON



Mick Hucknall plays at the intimate Lyceum

ANNA KARENINA: Nancy Meckler's marvellous production for Shared Experience returns, with Teresa Banham in her award-winning performance as the lovestruck Anna. **Lyric** (0181-741 8701/3311) Opens tonight, 7.30pm

OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD: Max Stafford-Clark revives his ground-breaking Out Of Joint production of Timberlake Wertenbaker's fine play, where convicts rehearse the first play to be performed in Australia. **Young Vic** (0171-928 6363) Opens tonight, 7pm. Until October 24

MISS EVERS'S BOYS: David Feldshuh's drama tells how four black Alabama men's syphilis was disgracefully left untreated for 40 years so that US scientists could see what happened **Pit** (0171-638 8891) Previews tonight, 7.45pm. Opens tomorrow, 7pm

SIMPLY RED: A nine-piece lineup and a string section join Mick Hucknall for a run of seven concerts in this, for him, unusually intimate venue. The gigs include songs from his latest album **Lyceum Theatre,** WC2. Credit card hotline (0115 912 9173)

ELSEWHERE

EDINBURGH: Scottish Opera opens its doors for the autumn season with Martin Duncan's acclaimed production of Mozart's The Magic Flute. Felicity Hammond sings the role of Papagena partnered by David Stephenson as Papageno. Richard Farnes conducts. **Festival Theatre** (0131-529 6000) Tonight, 7.15pm

MANCHESTER: The Rambert Dance Company's UK season opens here with two separate programmes Programme One, tonight and tomorrow, features Christopher Bruce's popular Rooster, danced to songs recorded by the Rolling Stones, prefaced by works by Siobhan Davies and Jeremy James. Programme Two Friday and Saturday, features Cruel Garden, an engrossing collaboration between Lindsay Kemp and Christopher Bruce based on the life of the Spanish poet Lorca. **Palace** (0161-242 2503) Performances at 7.30pm

OXFORD: Anton Rogers and Angela Thorne in Ayckbourn's double-dinner-party comedy, **How The Other Half Loves.** **Playhouse Theatre** (01865 798600) Opens tonight, 7.30pm.

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☐ **CRAVE:** Sarah Kane's impressive play for four speakers, telling of love and allied troubles. Vicky Featherstone directs for Paines Plough **Ambassadors** (0171-565 5000)

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☐ **LOVE UPON THE THRONE:** The National Theatre of Brent presents its profoundly po-faced tribute to the matrimonial proceedings of Charles and Di. Much appreciated at Edinburgh. **Bush,** W12 (0181-743 3388)

☐ **PEONY PAVILION:** The most famous example of Chinese music drama (written in 1598) has its British premiere, directed by Peter Sellars, with added synthesizers. Only four more performances to go **Barbican,** EC2 (0171-638 8891)

◪ **PERSONALS:** Highly enjoyable comedy musical about people who look for love through the personal ads. **New End,** NW3 (0171-794 0022)

◪ **PHEDRE:** Diana Rigg heads a superb cast in Jonathan Kent's production of Racine's tragedy. New translation by Ted Hughes **Albery** (0171-369 1730)

◪ **VIA DOLOROSA:** David Hare performs in his own one-man play confronting the experience of a first visit to Israel and Palestine. Stephen Daldry directs **Duke of York's** (0171-565 5000)

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Geoff Brown's choice of the latest movies

NEW RELEASES

BABYMOTHER (15): Single mother dreams of being a deejay queen. Clumsy but lively British film, exploring the dancehall scene. With Angela Lauren Smith. Director, Julian Henriques

COUSIN BETTE (15): Adaptation of Balzac's novel about a scheming vixen (Jessica Lange), colourful, but lacking conviction. With Elisabeth Shue and Kelly Macdonald. Director, Des McAnuff

SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (15): Eight men risk their lives in the Second World War to save one. Spielberg's awesomely credible war film. Tom Hanks stars with Edward Burns, Matt Damon and Tom Sizemore

LA VIE DE JESUS: Rigorous but tender French film about aimless youth in rural France. An impressive debut for director Bruno Dumont

GILLIES MACKINNON'S HOPE AND GLORY (15): Wonderful memories of childhood in the Blitz. Sentimental, but beautifully acted and directed. With Sarah Miles, Sean Pertwee, Derek Jacobi and David Thewlis

HE GOT GAME (18): Errant father needs to make peace with his son, a gifted basketball player. Endearing oddity from Spike Lee, with Denzel Washington, Ray Allen, and Aaron Copland's music

THE LAST DAYS OF DISCO (15): Wordy entanglements of college graduates in a New York dance club. Fine cast, good period sounds, but no pep. Whit Stillman directs Chloe Savigny, Kate Beckinsale, and Chris Eigeman

THE HORSE WHISPERER (12): Increasingly fatuous adaptation of Nicholas Evans's best-seller about a healer of damaged horses and a smart New Yorker. Robert Redford directs and stars with Kristin Scott Thomas

THE SPANISH PRISONER (PG): Naive scientist gets drawn into a con trick. Spry entertainment from writer-director David Mamet, with Campbell Scott, Steve Martin, and Rebecca Pidgeon

LE BOSSU (15): Enjoyable French swashbuckler, with Daniel Auteuil as the swordsman determined to bring down Fabrice Luchini's upstart aristocrat. Director, Philippe de Broca.

GADJO DILO (15): Parisian travels to Romania in search of a legendary gypsy singer. Likeable drama crammed with ethnic colour and foot-tapping folk music

CURRENT

HANDS (PG): Poetic, testing, dialogue-free Russian film documenting society's outcasts in the town of Kishinev

HE GOT GAME (18): Errant father needs to make peace with his son, a



(From left) Nicky Henson, Robert Bathurst, Felicity Kendal and Josie Lawrence — all excellent in Michael Frayn's hilarious *Alarms and Excursions*

Refrain worth repeating

THEATRE

Alarms and Excursions

Gielgud

Have you ever tried to keep cool during a vital phone conversation with a menacing taxman who simply will not believe that the burglar alarm, the baby alarm, the smoke alarm and "call waiting" are simultaneously interrupting you? By Michael Frayn's standards that seems no great challenge. In his highly enjoyable *Alarms and Excursions*, the assaults made by our soulless, gadgety age on Felicity Kendal, Josie Lawrence, Nicky Henson and Robert Bathurst often seem a lot more daunting.

Frayn's work ranges from the comic movie *Clockwise*, in which John Cleese goes mad as he tries and fails to arrive on time at an important conference, to the serious play *Copenhagen*, which tries and fails to comprehend why Heisenberg, discoverer of the uncertainty principle, did not concoct an A-bomb for Hitler. Even the farce *Noises Off* involves his overriding theme, which is humanity's doomed efforts to make sense of and impose order on an infinitely puzzling, unsettling world. Most of the eight short plays that comprise *Alarms and Excursions* are recognisably from the same mind.

Moreover, some are as hilarious as anything Frayn has written since *Noises Off*. First comes a dinner party at which Henson genially attempts to uncork a wine bottle with a new, improved, vast and inscrutable bottle-opener. After technological disruption galore, he has to cart off to hospital an injured guest to the sound of electronic screeches and a voice from the answering machine accusing him of theft.

And then we're off to an adjoining pair of those identical hotel rooms that litter the West, there to meet two English couples divided by class, false politeness and over-thin walls. With the upmarket Lawrence and Bathurst mistaken by a platinum-blonde Kendal and a morose, gormless Henson for a couple called Kevin and Sharon, some rompish pursuit of a mosquito interpreted as exuberant sex, loud porn movies waking sleepers and marital discord everywhere, this playlet is bettered only by the evening's finale. Here, Bathurst is a wonderfully polite German who arrives at Gatwick, to find his host at Heathrow and his hostess's voice on the answering machine sending him on a chase that ends up with him — beaten, robbed but as meticulously mannered as ever — in an emergency ward.

In between these items there are shorter and, frankly, flimsier pieces. But if Kendal's impersonation of a political baroness led astray by a vengeful Autocue operator is no special shakes, and a number about a party so noisy that innocuous small talk gets mistaken for a sexual come-on might be just another old Footlights sketch, I laughed a lot at the airline passengers variously reacting and po-facedly refusing to react to the stewardess who begins by giving them the usual advice about seat-belts and ends up doing a striptease.

Kendal and Lawrence are at their best when they're respectively being skittish and grumpy in that anonymous hotel room. Henson when he falls asleep at his own dinner table and then leaps up crying that it's time he went home, and, of course, Bathurst when he faces disaster with Teutonic grace; but they all have the spirit and snappy timing Michael Blakemore's production demands.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

● *This review appeared in later editions of* The Times *yesterday*



Bracknell (Celia Robertson) and Cardew (Tim Crouch)

Wilde and woolly

Handbag

Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

Years of experience of attending Fringe theatres still haven't inoculated me against staged atrocity. Here is Mark Ravenhill's latest, in Nick Philippou's production for Actors Touring Company. The 1890s episodes offer a moderately amusing prequel to *The Importance of Being Earnest* and the 1990s bits that interpenetrate them explore some modern disasters in child-rearing.

Colonel Moncrieff, famously disliked by his sister-in-law, Lady Bracknell (Celia Robertson), is so upright a pillar of rectitude that his coldness approaches emotional abuse, but the physical abuse is committed by a homeless, motherless waif today. Seemingly concerned that a stolen baby has stopped breathing, he wakes it with the light touch of a burning cigarette. When the infant falls asleep again he kills it, wraps the corpse in a plastic bag and howls his heart out for having done a bad thing. At the same time (but a century ago), Mr Thomas Cardew (Tim Crouch), the old gentleman of the "charitable and kindly disposition", is beaming fondly at the babe he has discovered in his large, black, leather handbag.

Ravenhill subtitles his play *The Importance of Being Someone*, and becomes sort of interesting when touching upon broken families. But with the exception of the emotionally damaged stubber (a convincing Paul Rattray), the modern roles are poorly written.

The play appears to be saying that what is important is to be a loved child, whether or not you are reared by your own parents. But while this is presented as holding good in Wilde's day, when we reach modern times Ravenhill offers little hope. Fidelity to a partner won't exist; even the slobbish equivalent of a Miss Prism is useless if she shacks up with a feckless mate.

There are regular breaks for sexual intercourse, all of which are interrupted by pagers, mobiles or a crying baby. That's quite funny, I suppose, but peripheral. If Ravenhill is arguing for the value of loving, biological parents he goes a bizarre way about it. We might as well see *King Lear* as advice not to miss those regular visits to the oculist.

JEREMY KINGSTON

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament: MARK COLLISON



Age: 22

Profession: Actor

Where can he be seen? Until Saturday, playing the student Raskolnikoff in the Steam Industry production of *Crime and Punishment* at the Finborough, a pub theatre whose seating capacity isn't that much bigger than the company, which numbers 16 people. Director Phil Willmott's staging may move later in the autumn to the larger Battersea Arts Centre on the back of some first-rate reviews.

What does Collison bring to the part? A sweaty intensity and commanding profile that put more than one observer in mind of Ralph Fiennes's Hamlet. "Ralph is a stunning actor so it's very nice to be compared to him," Collison says, but adds: "I'm just trying to carve my own kind of path."

Has he read Dostoevsky's epic? "I made myself read it, really. If people are going to pay £8 you should have done your research and done your work. It's not about Method Acting, more about the responsibility you have as a performer."

What else has he done? Nothing, at least professionally, although drama school parts at the Guildford School of Acting did include Shakespeare's Hotspur and Horner in *The Country Wife*. He graduated two months ago and had been out for about a week when Willmott invited him to audition. "It all happened so quickly that you don't have time to think about it."

Perhaps the theatre was in his blood? You could say that. His mother, Annie Dodd, gave up an acting career to raise Mark and his two younger brothers. His father, a sound consultant, was one of the founding members of Theatre Projects with Richard Pilbrow, the lighting designer. "I always wanted to be an actor. I know it sounds a bit corny and everything, but I never wanted to do anything else."

What's next? Get an agent, probably.

MATT WOLF

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Jacobi's Bacon: the verdict

Baby, look at you now

CABARET: *If you want to see a genuine Broadway babe, catch* Bernadette Peters, says **Matt Wolf**

Cameron Mackintosh's cheerfully self-exalting tribute to his own career at the Lyceum Theatre in June — a royal gala titled *Hey Mr Producer!* — featured a host of familiar names (Julie Andrews, Michael Ball, Elaine Paige) alongside one visitor from across the Atlantic whose qualities as a belter are as distinctive as her cascading ringlets of auburn hair. Among hundreds of performers, Bernadette Peters stood ever so slightly out from the crowd.

"She's an original," Mackintosh says, "one of those very terrific theatre animals. She has her own style."

Tomorrow, London gets to discover Peters at the Festival Hall, backed by a full orchestra in a version of the concert that she first performed to rave reviews at New York's Carnegie Hall in December, 1996. That show was recorded live and, since then, has travelled around America and to the Sydney Festival in Australia. But only now, aged 50, is Peters making her solo concert debut in London, allowing local audiences to experience someone as close as the New York theatre still allows to a genuine Broadway baby.

Indeed, Stephen Sondheim's *Broadway Baby* (from his 1971 *Follies*) is one of Peters's chosen songs in an evening whose entire second half is devoted to the composer with whom Peters remains best associated, following her bravura performances in his successive Eighties Broadway ventures *Sunday in the Park with George* and *Into the Woods*.

In between those two shows, this native of New York's Ozone Park in Queens won a Tony Award playing the heart-sick Briton on her own in Manhattan in Andrew Lloyd Weber's *Song and Dance*.

Set these performances alongside Jerry Herman's 1975 cult favourite *Mack and Mabel*, in which Peters originated the role of silent movie comedienne Mabel Normand opposite the Mack Sennett of the late Robert Preston, and you have that rare performer whose career spans three composers thought to be stylistically antithetical: the ever-hummable Herman, the supposedly *rarefied and difficult* Sondheim and the determinedly populist Lloyd Webber.

"They're artists of a different nature, that's all: their souls come out in different ways," says Peters, who had been performing professionally for almost two decades before she first worked with Sondheim, on *Sunday in the Park*. "I never thought I would ever be in a Sondheim show and assumed I was just from a different world. I felt I was someone he probably wouldn't be interested in: I judged myself, I limited myself, which you should not do, and I was really wrong."

She now acknowledges *Sunday in the Park* as the turning point in a career that had previously honoured her kewpie-doll looks and fresh-faced innocence without fully allowing Peters to be the emotional pivot and centre to a show. "I was finally in a hit," she says, having weathered a short-lived 1971 revival of *On the Town* (for which she nonetheless received a Tony nomination) and, two years earlier, an all-but-forgotten stage musical of the Fellini film *La Strada* by Britain's own Lionel Bart.

"It was nice to be in something that was a success and that fed you back so much," she says of *Sunday in the Park*, which survived a bumpy workshop and troubled previews to run for 540 performances and win the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. "I still have a feeling that comes over me when I hear the opening French horn of that show."

Peters is no stranger to other media, having done a TV series and various films, including a rare Merchant-Ivory foray into the world of hip, downtown Manhattan (*Slaves of New York*, with Peters in the leading role as the novelist Tama Janowitz's alter ego), and virtually back-to-back projects (*The Jerk* and *Pennies From Heaven*) opposite one-time boyfriend Steve Martin. In 1981 she was even a *Playboy* cover girl. "You have to pick things that will be different and varied," says Peters, who began studying voice and dance at three-and-a-half, her second name by then changed by her mother from Lazzara to Peters so that the young Bernadette would not be typecast in ethnic roles.

"My mother told me that Bernadette was too long to fit on a billboard, but I knew what was really going on: she didn't want child agents to make me an Italian girl, which might have been kind of interesting. I probably would have had a whole other career being Anna Maria Alberghetti." Instead, newly married and looking some 20 years younger than she is, Peters remains her distinctive self. "There's a timeless quality to Bernadette," Martin Short, her Broadway co-star several years back in *The Goodbye Girl*, said to me recently. "She always looks the same: it's that Italian skin." And with an ancillary career doing concerts, and a forthcoming Broadway revival of *Annie Get Your Gun* as sharpshooter Annie Oakley, her future seems assured.

"The theatre is where I live strongly," says Peters. "I do see myself going on: I'm not tired out." And besides, she adds, why worry? "Worry makes trouble, so I prefer not to. I'd rather just assume the voice is there until it's not."

● *Bernadette Peters is in concert tomorrow at the Festival Hall, London SE1. 8pm (0171-960-4242)*



DES JENSON

Fifty going on 25: Bernadette Peters is equally at home singing side by side with Sondheim, Herman and Lloyd Webber

Songs from the sex garden

MUSIC: John Allison charts the rise and rise of a young composer

Whatever the traditional routes are by which most young composers make a name, Donna McKevitt has not followed them. Yet her rise to prominence has been sudden. Everyone who heard the premiere of *Translucence*, her song cycle setting Derek Jarman's poems, at the City of London Festival this summer was moved and impressed, but nobody quite knew where the composer had come from.

Now the work has been released on CD by a major label, Teldec — not bad for a 28-year-old's Opus 1. Surely she had been composing before making this official debut? "Not really. I didn't study composition. I went to Kingston Poly where I did a bog-standard BA in music, and I took part in a lunchtime series of student works called *Brahms is Dead*, but I didn't consider myself a composer. I was much more into singing and playing the viola."

Two years after graduating, with no burning ambition to be a composer but just a feeling that she wanted to work in the practical performing arts, she was in the band Miranda's Sex Garden when they were invited to contribute to the soundtrack of Jarman's last movie, *Blue*. McKevitt had to write the music, and the experience was to prove decisive.

"Jarman was a brilliant poet. Something in me clicked, and I felt compelled to explore his work. I didn't have a commission, but just set about gathering his writings and burying myself in them for six months before composing a note." The result is a work of haunting and unpretentious beauty, which succeeds above all because McKevitt captures the pathos and wit of the poetry; it is also an eloquent tribute to the late Jarman, whom she never met. "He was ill and needed to spend his last few months with those close to him. When you have an idol, it's a selfish thing to want to take up their time."

A sticker on the CD case warns of "Explicit Lyrics", though as the quiet and gently unassuming McKevitt is quick to point out, "most of the texts are not provocative, they are tender love songs. But the whole point was to represent Jarman as a poet, and if I'd only set the 'nice' stuff, I'd have been unrepresentative of him. That's also why the musical style is simple. I didn't want to impose myself on his work, so I allowed myself to be led by the poetry, and I hope the results are true to both Derek's writing and his inner world."

It quickly becomes clear how important literary images are to McKevitt. "Words make a gradual but lasting impression on me, sculpture and painting too. I'm much less influenced by other people's music, though I love and admire figures like Messiaen, George Benjamin and Kurtág, who's very liberating in that he does whatever he wants to. The Jarman taught me that when working in London, which is so noisy and distracting, it really helps to have something solid to concentrate on. But I'm probably going to be moving to France, to an isolated old watermill in the Massif Central mountains. I'm hoping that by working there I'll be able to free myself from this need for texts."

McKevitt's next two projects are both poetry inspired. Currently immersed in Celan settings for the counter-tenor Michael Chance (the soloist in *Translucence*) and Fretwork, she is also turning her attention to the work of Messiaen's mother, Cécile Sauvage. "I had difficulty finding her poetry. Even in the British Library, on the Internet and at Paris publishers I drew a blank. Then, on a trip through France with my partner, our motorbike broke down, and I went into an antique store to ask if they had heard of Sauvage. 'Oui, oui,' the man said, and handed me the only two volumes she ever completed! They include an amazing cycle she wrote while pregnant with Messiaen, incredibly prophetic, sensual poetry, but with a melancholic edge."



Donna McKevitt: inspired by Derek Jarman's poems

These projects are "enough for now". McKevitt is not working to a deadline, doesn't like the idea of pressure, and is not yet used to the idea of getting commissioned. "I was on the dole for two years while working on *Translucence*, and if that's what I have to do, I'll do it. I'd rather do that than write a jingle. I'd rather do something else than write bad music."

● *Translucence is released this week by Teldec (3984-22500-2)*

Soaring songs without words

JAZZ

Sibongile Khumalo
Ronnie Scott's

Is there anything she has not sung? Sibongile Khumalo has recorded Zulu folk songs, appeared as a soloist in Verdi's Requiem, starred in musicals and performed the national anthems at the rugby World Cup finals in South Africa. And she plays the violin.

When singers with even a hint of a classical pedigree cross into the jazz field the results are usually less than satisfactory. Many a diva endowed with glittering technique and cavernous lungs has come to grief on a humble show tune. Khumalo — who is in residence in Soho until Saturday — handles the transition better than most. By concentrating on South African compositions in her opening set — including a tribute to Miriam Makeba — she wisely played to her strengths.

For much of the evening she deployed her voice like an instrumentalist. As on the newly released Johannesburg recording, *Live At The Market Theatre*, she opened with soaring wordless vocals on Abdullah Ibrahim's *Tsakwe/Royal Blue*. Ibrahim is a master of simple but memorable melodies — some of his pieces glow with the unpretentious majesty of a Wesley hymn. Khumalo's unfussy scat delivery explored the unadorned theme over an insistent bass line. At the close she added an intricate coda in a display of immaculate microphone control.

What was largely absent in this set was the casual stretching and contracting of rhythm that you come to expect from instinctive jazz singers. An avowed admirer of the exotic Rachelle Ferrell — another virtuoso with an instrumental technique — Khumalo enjoys luxuriating in extended legato phrases that waft to and fro over the unhurried piano chords of her musical director Themba Mkhize. The approach has its limitations, especially on material as gentle as *Umbongo*, a tune by her trumpeter Prince Lengoasa. Here and elsewhere, Lengoasa unfurls some wispy Miles-ish solos with the harmon mute, but you cannot help wishing the arrangements could be more forceful at times. But if you want the hustle-bustle of straightahead bop, you can turn to the crisp support set from trombonist Alistair White and saxophonist Pete Wareham, prizewinners in last year's Royal and SunAlliance Young Jazz Musician of the Year competition.

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Assignment without consent effective

Hendry v Chartsearch Ltd

Before Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Millett

[Judgment July 23]

The assignment to a third party of the benefit of a contract by one party to the contract without the prior consent of the other contracting party, as the contract required, was without legal effect so far as that other party was concerned and could be disregarded by that party with impunity, even though the assignment was effective as between the assignor and the assignee third party.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing the appeal of the plaintiff, Ross Scott Hendry, although allowing it in part on other grounds, from the judgment of Judge Raymond Jack, QC, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division in the Bristol Mercantile Court on January 30, 1995, when he granted the application of the defendants, Chartsearch Ltd, to strike out certain parts of the plaintiff's amended statement of claim as disclosing no reasonable cause of action.

The plaintiff alleged, inter alia, as chairman and 50 per cent shareholder of Interface Data Centres Ltd and relying on two written agreements of February 1991 and November 1992 between Interface and the defendants under which Interface undertook in return for payment by the defendants to provide data processing facilities and services on computer hardware and software, that the defendants breached the agreements, and that Interface passed a special resolution in September 1993 under which the company agreed to transfer and assign to him its causes of action against the defendants arising from their failure to pay the sums due. Notice of the assignment was given to the defendants in November 1993.

Mr Declan O'Mahony for the plaintiff; Mr Clive Freedman, QC, for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said that the pleaded facts were straightforward. There was an assignment, it was alleged, in qualified rather than absolute terms.

Mr O'Mahony accepted that if the bar on assignments was absolute, then a purported assignment in breach of the claims would be ineffective as regarded the debtor, the defendants: see *Linden Gardens Trust Ltd v Lenesta Sludge Disposals Ltd* ([1994] 1 AC 85, 108).

But where the bar was qualified, he submitted, so that consent was required but might not be unreasonably withheld, then the reasonableness or otherwise of the other party's refusal, or right to refuse, had to be considered in the light of all the circumstances, taking both parties' interests into account.

Since those matters required investigation the claim should not be struck out at the interlocutory stage, and Mr O'Mahony relied especially on allegations that the defendants deliberately sought to destroy Interface's business so as to starve it of funds and so prevent it from bringing proceedings on its own.

Mr Freedman contended that without consent the assignment was a nullity, alternatively the defendants were entitled reasonably to withhold their consent if they had been asked to give it. The trading relationship had ended and the proposed assignment was to enable litigation against the defendants, by a plaintiff who would not be liable to be ordered to give security for costs.

His Lordship said that a number of issues had to be considered. One of those was the position with regard to security for costs. The debtor had a statutory right which protected him from being sued by an impecunious plaintiff: *Norglen Ltd (in Liquidation) v Reeds Rains Prudential Ltd* ([1997] 3 WLR 1177).

However great the disadvantages to the creditor, company or individual, it could not be regarded as unreasonable for the debtor to insist on that statutory right. For that reason his Lordship considered that the defendants were entitled to refuse consent.

Therefore, the issue whether the assignment was invalid or ineffective on the basis that no prior request was made, even though consent could not reasonably have been refused, did not arise.

If, however, the individual assignee was willing to provide security on the same terms as if he were the company, then, in his Lordship's view, the debtor could not reasonably refuse his consent on that ground. But that was not the position in this case.

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said that where an assignment of contractual rights, such as a chose in action, was prohibited without the prior written consent of the other contracting party, such consent not to be unreasonably refused, there could be no valid assignment until after (i) written consent had been granted, or (ii) the court had declared that the consent had been unreasonably refused: *Linden Gardens* (p108).

The suggestion that the assignor could validly assign in breach of his contract without ever seeking prior consent by asserting that, as such consent could not reasonably be refused so it was unnecessary, was a recipe to promote uncertainty and speculative litigation.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that he regarded it as fatal to the validity of the assignment on which the plaintiff relied that the defendants' consent was not sought before assignment was made.

The hypothetical question whether if their consent had been sought it could reasonably have been refused was irrelevant and was not a proper subject of inquiry.

The law was settled to that effect in relation to the assignment of leasehold land. A lease created a legal estate in land. One of the incidents of ownership was the right to dispose of the property.

It was therefore not possible to deprive a lessee of his ability to make an effective assignment of the lease. But it was possible for the lessor to take a covenant against assignment and to reserve a power of re-entry for breach of the covenant.

An assignment in breach of covenant was effective to vest the legal estate in the assignee, but the assignee took a defeasible interest only which was liable to forfeiture of the lease for breach of covenant.

A covenant against assignment might be in absolute terms or conditional on obtaining the lessor's prior consent, such condition also being qualified by a proviso that the lessor's consent should not be unreasonably withheld.

But it was essential that the lessor's consent was sought before the assignment was made. Consent could not be said to be withheld or refused if it was not asked for. It was no answer that no reasonable objection could have been made if consent had been sought: the proviso had no application unless it was.

As between the parties to it, an ordinary commercial contract was not property but obligation. There was therefore no objection to making the benefit of the contract non-assignable.

It was sufficient to provide, as the present contract did, that a party should not be entitled to assign the benefit of the agreement without the prior written consent of the other.

The assignment made, therefore, was effective as between assignor and assignee, but was ineffective as between the assignor and the defendants. The making of the assignment did not put the assignor in breach of contract, let alone in repudiatory breach: it simply did not affect the defendants' legal position and could be regarded by them with impunity.

Whether the subject matter of the proposed assignment was a term of years or the benefit of a commercial contract, the effect of the proviso was the same. Consent was not withheld if it was not asked for: and if it was not withheld it could not be said to be unreasonably withheld.

In the case of a lease, the fact that an assignment in breach of covenant was effective to vest the term in the assignee meant that it was too late to seek consent. The breach of covenant was complete and the lease was liable to forfeiture.

But in the case of the benefit of a contract it was not too late for the assignor to ask for consent. However, the contract required the assignor to obtain the prior consent of the other party. Retrospective consent, if given, might operate as a waiver but could not amount to the consent required.

The proper course was for the assignor to ask for consent to a new assignment and to wait until it was given or unreasonably refused before proceeding to make it.

Solicitors: Richard Welsh & Co, Bristol; Swycher & Co.

Supplying medicines at doctor's surgery

Regina v Family Health Services Authority, Ex parte Elmfield Drugs Ltd

Regina v Same, Ex parte Selles Dispensing Chemists Ltd (Beverley)

Regina v Same, Ex parte Selles Dispensing Chemists Ltd (Caistor)

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Swinton Thomas and Lord Justice Aldous

[Judgment July 23]

It was not unlawful for a doctor to delegate to another who was neither a doctor nor a pharmacist the supply of medicine to his patients. The doctor did not personally have to hand over medicines to patients.

The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment when dismissing the appeal of Elmfield Drugs Ltd of Westerham, Kent, Selles Dispensing Chemists Ltd, of Beverley, North Humberside and Selles Dispensing Chemists Ltd, of Caistor, Lincolnshire who were community pharmacists, against the dismissal by Mr Justice Owen on October 10, 1997 of their applications for judicial review of decisions of the Family Health Services Authority.

The FHSA by its pharmacy appeals committee had affirmed applications by local doctors to be able to dispense medicines to patients living more than one mile away from the nearest pharmacy.

The applications by Dr Skinner and partners in Kent, Dr Lavine and partners in Beverley and Dr Wood and Dr McKinlay in Caistor were opposed by the three pharmacists who carried on business in the area.

Mr Duncan Ouseley, QC and Mr Jonathan Fisher for the pharmacists; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Michael Soole for the doctors as interested parties; the FHSA did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that it was agreed that the criteria for the FHSA making an order were satisfied, save that the pharmacists maintained that under Part III of the Medicines Act 1968 a registered medical practitioner could not delegate to another who was neither a doctor or pharmacist the supply of medicine to his patients; he must personally hand over the medicines to patients.

The question was one of considerable importance to doctors and pharmacists, particularly in rural areas.

There was no dispute that the method of supplying medicines proposed by the doctors accorded with contemporary experience and practice in rural areas. When patients were seen in a doctors' consulting room at the surgery, a prescription was written out or keyed into a computer terminal.

The patient then took the prescription to a dispensing area, or if computer generated, the prescription was printed out automatically in the doctor's dispensary and the medicine was supplied generally by someone who was not the doctor, but might be a receptionist or nurse, but at all events was not qualified as a pharmacist or doctor. The appellants maintained that in those circumstances the supply was unlawful.

For the purposes of supply to the public, medicines or medicinal products were divided into three classes: those in the general sales list; those that could be supplied only from a pharmacy; and those that could be supplied only pursuant to a prescription by an appropriate practitioner, that is, a doctor, or, subject to certain exemptions, from a pharmacy.

Part III of the 1968 Act set out provisions relating to dealings with medicinal products. Sections 51 to 58 were relevant and section 55 was the material section in the present case.

It provided: "(1) The restrictions imposed by sections 52 and 53 of the 1968 Act did not apply to the sale, offer for sale, or supply of a medicinal product — (a) by a doctor . . . to a patient of his or to a person under whose care such a patient is. . ."

His Lordship did not derive assistance either from the fact that the common law imposed a duty of care on a pharmacist who put into circulation a dangerous or unsuitable drug; or from reliance on certain health service regulations which imposed obligations on a doctor, when many could obviously be performed by an agent: or from the legislative history.

Mr Beloff was right in submitting that the solution was to be found in the application of general principles of agency and the ordinary principles of statutory construction.

His Lordship referred to *Chitty on Contract* (27th edition (1994) volume 2, paragraph 31-001) and *Bowstead on Agency* (16th edition (1996) 2-016) to which the judge had directed himself and agreed that handing over, as opposed to making up medicines in the circumstances contemplated here, did not require discretion. Discretion would have to be exercised by the doctor and handing over did not require any special personal skill.

Section 52 of the 1968 Act supported that view. It would be no defence to a person charged with an offence under section 52 that he had not personally supplied medicine but it was done by his servant or agent.

Subsection (c) imposed a limitation on what would otherwise be an unrestricted right to supply by a servant or agent, by requiring that such supply be supervised by a pharmacist. And in so doing section 52(c) expressly recognised that the supply could be performed by a servant or agent, subject to the proviso.

One would expect Parliament to give the same meaning to "supply" used in its ordinary, normal meaning of "provide" in the series of sections of the Act relating to dealing with medicinal products and adopt the same approach to the concept of supply.

The court was concerned with the construction of sections of the Act breach of which amounted to a criminal offence, punishable on indictment with up to two years imprisonment. If there was any doubt what the construction of section 55(1)(a) was, the court ought to give it a meaning which did not involve the conduct in question being an offence.

That was perhaps all the more so when the construction contended for would involve criminalising conduct which had been widely adopted for many years.

Mr Ouseley submitted that there as no logical reason why the duty of supervision of the supply should be imposed upon pharmacists with no corresponding duty on doctors.

The explanation might in part be that a pharmacy business could be carried out by a body corporate, which could only act by its servants or agents, whereas the profession of a doctor could only be carried on by a natural person.

In the case of a company carrying out a pharmacy business, it must be under the management of a superintendent pharmacist. But that was not the same as each supply or sale being supervised by a pharmacist as required by section 52(c).

It might be that the distinction was historical. Whatever the reason, his Lordship could see no basis for imposing a far stricter regime on doctors who ex hypothesi had prescribed, or ordered the medicine for their patients, by requiring them not merely to supervise the supply, as in the case of pharmacists, but actually to perform the mechanical act of delivery in person.

Lord Justice Aldous and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas agreed.

Solicitors: Charles Russell; Lockharts.

Court cannot grant housing injunction

Ali v Westminster City Council

Nairne v Camden London Borough Council

Before Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, Lord Justice Otton and Lord Justice Mummery

[Judgment July 24]

The county court had no jurisdiction to grant an interlocutory injunction requiring a local authority to provide accommodation for a person proceeding with an appeal under section 204 of the Housing Act 1996.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing appeals by Westminster City Council and Camden London Borough Council and setting aside interlocutory injunctions granted by Judge Previte and Judge Cowel sitting at Central London County Court.

Mr Martin Russell for Mr Layla Ali; Mr Clive Hugh Jones for Westminster.

Mr Terence Gallivan for Mr Andrew Nairne; Mr Bryan McGuire for Camden.

LORD JUSTICE OTTON said that the appeals were confined to the narrow point of law whether the county court had jurisdiction to grant an interlocutory injunction requiring a local authority to provide accommodation for a person who was proceeding with an appeal against a review decision made under the 1996 Act.

Housing Act applications to local authorities consisted of five stages: the initial application, the inquiry period, the decision, the internal review of that decision and finally an appeal to the county court. The case concerned the last two stages.

The local authority was under a duty to provide interim accommodation for the homeless while making inquiries. Parliament had stated clearly when and in what circumstances that duty came to an end.

Section 188(3) provided that the duty ceased when the authority's decision was notified, even if the applicant requested a review of the decision. The authority had a discretion whether to continue the applicant's occupation of accommodation pending the review.

Should the courts be able to override the discretionary power of the local authority by means of a mandatory injunction?

The county court was a creature of statute and had no inherent jurisdiction to grant injunctions. The 1996 Act did not confer on the county court any general jurisdiction to grant injunctions; nor was there any specific jurisdiction to grant an interim mandatory injunction requiring a local authority to accommodate an applicant pending appeal after review.

It was well established that the granting of an injunction depended upon the pre-existence of some substantive right to which it was ancillary.

The Act stated that the duty to accommodate came to an end once the local authority had made the determination. There was no right leading to a cause of action which could be enforced against the local authority, only a statutory right of appeal against the review. It followed that the grant of an injunction was outside the jurisdiction of the county court.

However, challenges to the exercise of discretion could still be made by judicial review and that was the proper approach for those seeking to be accommodated pending review or appeal when discretion had not been exercised in their favour.

It would be contrary to the clear expression of Parliament's intentions in investing a discretion to accommodate applicants in the local authority also to enable the county court to override by means of interim mandatory injunction the discretion the local authority had exercised.

The President and Lord Justice Mummery agreed.

Solicitors; Moss Beachley Mullen & Coleman; Mr Colin Wilson, Westminster.

Osbornes, Camden; Ms Amanda Kelly, Camden.

Prosecution must act with speed

Regina v Leeds Crown Court, Ex parte Whitehead

Where the prosecution applied for an extension of custody time limits and had acted in such a way that a committal under section 6(1) of the *Magistrates' Courts Act 1980* could not be undertaken within those time limits when it otherwise could have been, the prosecution had not acted with due expedition as required by section 22(3)(b) of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Hooper) so held on June 10, refusing, through his delay, an application by Nigel Whitehead for judicial review of Judge Jones who at Leeds Crown Court on February 11, 1998 had allowed an appeal by the prosecution against a refusal of Leeds Justices to extend the pre-committal custody time limits.

MR JUSTICE HOOPER said that *R v Leeds Crown Court, Ex parte Briggs (No 2)* (*The Times* March 10, 1998) showed that the test was not whether at some point the prosecution failed to act with due expedition but whether it did so in such a way that section 6(1) proceedings could not be undertaken when they otherwise could have been.

The application for leave to apply for judicial review was not lodged until March 13, 1998 by which date the applicant had been committed into custody for trial.

Juror visited scene of murder

Regina v Smyth (Paul)

Regina v Aspinall (John)

Regina v Aspinall (Thomas)

Where a juror, during the course of a judge's summing up, had visited the scene of the offence in order to assess the colour of the lighting there, such an irregularity would only have rendered the subsequent conviction unsafe if it could have had an effect of some significance in the issues which the jury had to determine.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Beldam, Mr Justice Garland and Mr Justice Longmore) so stated on July 6 in dismissing appeals by Paul Smyth, John Aspinall and Thomas Aspinall against their convictions on June 24, 1997 at Preston Crown Court (Mr Justice Douglas Brown and a jury) of murder.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that upon visiting the scene of the murder which had taken place at night on a street and been seen by many witnesses, the juror had found the street lighting to be orange, confirming one witness's evidence but contradicting the highways department's confirmation that it had been white.

The issues for the jury did not concern visibility or whether the three appellants were at the scene of the murder, but whether they had taken part.

The colour of the lighting had not been relevant to the identification of the features or clothing of the offenders. Following the juror's observation, the only question had been whether his view of the credibility of one witness had been enhanced.

Such an irregularity did not render the subsequent conviction unsafe as it could not have had an effect of some significance in the issues which the jury had to determine.

Notice served although not received

Kinch and Another v Bullard and Others

Before Mr Justice Neuberger

[Judgment July 27]

A notice of severance of a joint tenancy of matrimonial property sent pursuant to section 36(2) of the Law of Property Act 1925, despite not having been received by the addressee, had been validly served in accordance with section 196(3) of the 1925 Act once it had been posted by ordinary first class mail and had been delivered at the property; the notice had, therefore, been given in accordance with section 36(2) and could not then be withdrawn by the sender.

Mr Justice Neuberger so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division when deciding that the notice had been validly served and that the plaintiffs were, therefore, entitled to a declaration giving them a one half share of the property or the proceeds of sale.

Mr Michael Waterworth for the plaintiffs; Mr John Waters for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE NEUBERGER said that the hearing was an appeal against an order of Master Dyson, Bryan Johnson and his wife Sheila had purchased the freehold of 16 York Road, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich in fee simple as beneficial joint tenants which they occupied as their matrimonial home.

By 1994 Mrs Johnson was considering divorce proceedings. Possibly triggered by the fact that she had been diagnosed as terminally with cancer she consulted solicitors at the end of June 1994 and discussed severing the joint tenancy of the property.

In the absence of such severance the doctrine of survivorship would have applied so that on Mrs Johnson's death the whole legal and beneficial ownership in the property would have vested in Mr Johnson: see section 36(1) of the 1925 Act.

However, the proviso to section 36(2) provided: "Where a legal estate . . . is vested in joint tenants beneficially, and any tenant desires to sever the joint tenancy in equity, he shall give to the other joint tenants a notice in writing . . . and thereupon the land shall be held in trust on terms which would have been requisite for giving effect to the beneficial interests if there had been an actual severance."

The effect of the service of the notice would therefore have been that on the death of Mrs Johnson the legal title to the proeprty would have vested in Mr Johnson, but he would have held the beneficial interest on trust in equal shares for himself and on the trusts of the will of Mrs Johnson.

In June 1995 a divorce petition was served on Mr Johnson. A notice of severance was signed by Mrs Johnson on August 3, 1995 and was sent by ordinary first class post to Mr Johnson under cover of a letter dated August 4 in an envelope addressed to him at the property which remained the matrimonial home.

On August 5/6, 1995 Mr Johnson suffered a serious heart attack and was admitted to hospital on August 7. Meanwhile, either on August 5 or 7 the postman put the notice through the letter box at the property.

Mrs Johnson picked it up and destroyed it. Presumably she had concluded Mr Johnson was likely to predecease her and that if the tenancy was not severed she, rather than he, would benefit.

Mr Johnson died in hospital on August 15, 1995. Mrs Johnson died on January 6, 1996. The plaintiff executors of Mr Johnson issued proceedings against the defendant executors of Mrs Johnson seeking, inter alia, a declaration that the plaintiffs were entitled to a one half beneficial share of the property or its proceeds of sale.

On January 1998 the plaintiffs issued a summons for the determination of the issue as to whether the posting to and subsequent delivery at the property of the notice was effective to sever the beneficial joint tenancy. If so then the plaintiffs sought the declaration. The summons came before Master Dyson who thought the case unsuitable for summary judgment.

It was to be assumed for the purpose of the summons that the notice was not served until August 7 and that by that time Mrs Johnson had changed her mind about wanting to sever the joint tenancy.

The plaintiffs' case relied on section 196(3) which provided "any notice . . . shall be sufficiently served if it is left at the last known place of abode . . . of the person to be served. . ."

First, they contended that Mr Johnson's last place of abode was the property.

Second, the notice was left at the property because it was posted through the letter box and remained on the mat, albeit that Mrs Johnson later destroyed it.

Third, in those circumstances the requirements of section 196(3) were satisfied and the notice was duly served.

There was no distiction between "serving" in that section and "giving" in section 36(2): see *In re 88 Berkeley Road NW9* ([1971] 1 Ch 648, 652E-653A) and *Holwell Securities Ltd v Hughes* ([1974] 1 WLR 155, 158F).

The defendants contended that the notice was not validly "served" or "given".

Having considered in detail the defendants' arguments to support that contention his Lordship said that the natural meaning of section 196(3) was that if a notice could have been shown to have been left at the last known abode then that constituted good service even if the addressee had not actually received it.

Although *In re Berkeley Road* concerned section 196(4) because the notice in that case involved recorded delivery, the decision appeared to have been treated by the Court of Appeal as authority for the proposition that a notice served under section 196(3) was validly served even if it could be shown never to have come to the attention of the addressee: see *Wandsworth London Borough Council v Attwell* ([1996] 1 EGLR 57, 58).

As to the argument that the statutory precondition for giving valid notice was not, at the date it was given, satisfied, because at that date Mrs Johnson did not have the necessary desire to sever, his Lordship did not consider that to be correct.

Clear words would be required before a provision such as section 36(2) could be construed as requiring the court to inquire into the mind of the sender of the notice.

Once the sender had served it the deed was done and could not be undone. That conclusion was reached on the proper construction of section 36(2) and it also appeared to be correct as a matter of policy. By posting the envelope containing the notice and addressed to Mr Johnson at the property, through the letter box of the property, the postman served the notice in accordance with the test laid down by Lord Justice Russell in *Lord Newborough v Jones* ([1975] 1 Ch 90, 94E-F)

It was not right to test the matter by reference to what Mrs Johnson thought or intended because she had left it to the post office to serve the notice.

His Lordship had been attracted by the proposition that some sort of qualification should be imposed on the provisions of section 196 so as to exclude from the concept of valid service a case where the sender had in effect intercepted the notice before it was received by the addressee thereby extending the qualification laid down by Lord Justice Russell in *Newborough*.

However, it was neither appropriate nor desirable to impose such further qualification on the plain words of section 196(3).

First, as a matter of general principle, the court should be slow to imply qualifications into a statutory provision, particularly when that provision was clear and simple in its effect and was intended to have practical consequences.

Second, it did not seem that a conclusion in favour of the plaintiffs should lead to any unfair abuse. It was Mr Johnson's executors who wished to allege that the notice was validly served. There was no potential abuse in that context.

It would not have been open to the defendants to contend as against the plaintiffs that the notice had been validly served on the instant facts, because it could not be right for a sender who had intentionally taken steps to ensure that it did not in fact come to the attention of the addressee, to contend that it was served on him.

In other words, whatever section 196 provided it could not be relied on by the sender as an engine of fraud.

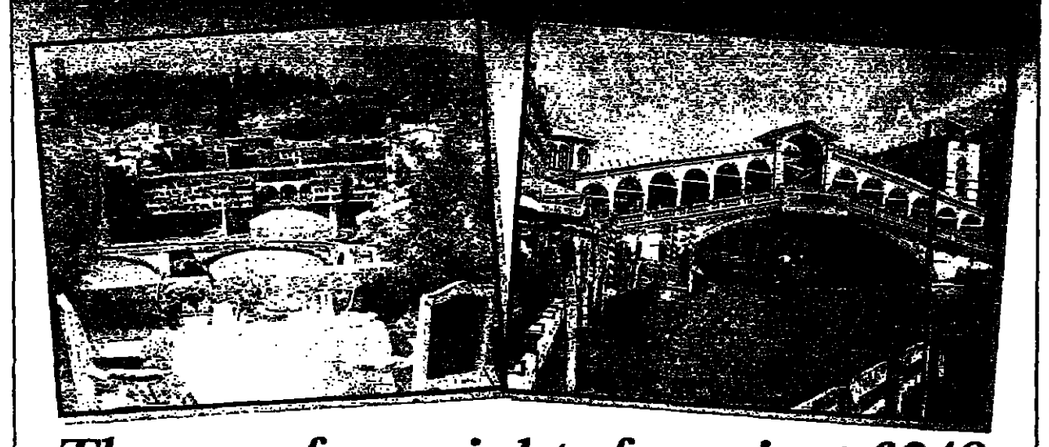
Because the notice was left at the last known abode of Mr Johnson by the postman putting it through the letter box of the propety in the normal course of post on August 7 it was validly served and the fact that the sender picked up the notice and destroyed it did not alter that conclusion.

The qualification to that conclusion was that it would not be open to Mrs Johnson to contend against Mr Johnson that the notice was validly served if she ensured that he never saw, or even knew of, the notice.

Solicitors: Willet & Co, Bury St Edmunds; Graham & Oldham, Ipswich.

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RACING: NEW INNOVATION TO FURTHER INCREASE POPULARITY OF POOL BET

Tote offers £1m Trifecta bonus

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

THE opportunity to win £1 million from a £1 bet on one race will be offered by the Tote for the first time in Britain this Saturday — and the chances of success are much better than landing the National Lottery.

In a brilliant development of their successful Trifecta wager, the Tote has promised the bumper bonus — in addition to a guaranteed £100,000 pool — if there is a single winning £1 Trifecta ticket naming the first three home in the six-furlong Ladbroke (Ayr) Gold Cup.

"We have highlighted the appeal of a small stake-big win bet and it doesn't get much bigger than this," Rob Hartnett, the Tote's PR director, said yesterday. "I am certain there has never been a betting shop millionaire created before in one hit in this country."

While form students are likely to burn the midnight oil in trying to fathom out one of the most competitive sprint handicaps of the season, a punter will need more than a fair share of luck to become the only person to select the first three home in the right order. "There have been two occasions since we started the Trifecta when it has been only partially won, so it is definitely possible," Hartnett added. "The odds are certainly much shorter than the 14,000,000-1 against winning the lottery jackpot."

The majority of Trifecta bets will be struck in the 4,600 betting shops around the country which link up with Tote Direct — William Hill is the only big bookmaker to have resisted the move — and if a punter wins the £1 million bonus, the staff in the shop where the bet was struck will share a £100,000 payout from the Tote.

While the idea of creating a betting shop millionaire is yet another example of the way the Tote has been transformed since Peter Jones took over as chairman, the tempting wager also has some serious objectives.

Punters who do the Trifecta invariably go in for multiple combinations, but with each line often covered by a 10p to 50p stake. The £1 million bonus — which requires a £1 winning ticket — will encourage backers to spend more money covering their various combinations. The bonus which would go to betting staff shop is clearly an attempt to encourage the owners of the nation's 3,400 betting shops who have not yet linked up with Tote Direct — primarily William Hill — to change their minds.

The Trifecta started on August 1 with the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood — which attracted a pool of £128,000 — and it has quickly gained acceptance from punters as it regularly pays out more than its rival, the bookmakers' computer-generated Tricast. The biggest individual winner collected £11,000 to a £1 stake, while the largest dividend was just over £18,000 last Saturday. The Tote has taken out insurance to cover the cost of paying out the new bonuses.

The Ladbroke (Ayr) Gold Cup is invariably the subject of some big gambles and the sponsors yesterday reported good money for Superior Premium, who is now their 12-1 favourite. The Richard Fahey-trained four-year-old has progressed into a smart handicapper this term, winning at Chester, Haydock and, most significantly, at Goodwood, where he landed the Stewards' Cup. Stepped up in class on his latest start, he was far from discredited when finishing fifth, beaten 5½ lengths, by Tamarisk in the group one Stanley Leisure Sprint Cup at Haydock.

Referendum, who returned to form at Leicester last week when four lengths second to Easycall (who won again two days later), was also in demand and the Geoff Lewis-trained front-runner is now a 16-1 chance from 25-1. "This is as competitive running of the race as I can remember in terms of horses coming to Ayr in form," Mike Dillon, of Ladbrokes, said.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: L'Agneau Noir
(2.45 Sandown Park)

L'Agneau Noir made an encouraging debut at Bath nine days ago, despite a slow start. The Willie Muir-trained filly looks capable of going one better from a good draw this afternoon.

Next best: Subeen
(3.40 Yarmouth)

NEIL MUNNS



Superior Premium, right, is favourite for the Ayr Gold Cup

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

2.15 Lots Of Magic. 2.45 Calcavella. 3.20 Rymer's Rascal. 3.50 Kristina. 4.25 Ribblesdale. 4.55 Ajig Dancer. 5.25 Saintly Thoughts.

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.20 **PERICLES.**

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 EBF NOVICE STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,534: 7l 16yd) (4 runners)

101 (4) 1222 DIGGIT 18 (G) (T Corby) M Channon 9-4 T Quinn 77
102 (2) 2241 *LOTS OF MAGIC 12 (D,S) (P Valentine) R Hannon 9-2* Dane O'Neill [88]
103 (1) 51 ESTERAAD 60 (G) (K Alsayegh) J Dunlop 8-13 Pat Eddery 71
104 (3) 3 SMART SAVANNAH 28 (G Ward) R Charlton 8-12 T Sprake 49

BETTING: 13-8 Esteraad, 3-1 Diggit, Smart Savannah, 7-2 Lots Of Magic.

1997: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS Diggit 3l 2nd of 5 to Sicnee in 2yo listed stakes at Deauville (7f, good). Lots Of Magic beat Maple 2l in 9-runner 2yo maiden auction stakes at Epsom (7f, good to soft). Esteraad beat Accelerating 2½l in 9-runner 2yo fills maiden stakes at Nottingham (6f 15yd, good). Smart Savannah 1¼l 3rd of 5 to *Crown Of Trees in 2yo stakes at Kempton (7f, good to firm).*

DIGGIT has been in excellent form lately and can return to winning ways

2.45 HOH OILFIELD SERVICES MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,680: 5f 6yd) (20 runners)

201 (7) 0 EL PICADOR 112 (M Lanfranchi) B Meehan 8-9 Pat Eddery 60
202 (17) 000 PRINCE OF ARAGON 63 (K Ivory) K Ivory 8-9 C Scally 63
203 (14) 00 CANDELLINO 18 (G Dodsworth) T Watson 8-8 Paul Eddery 52
204 (2) 0 NOZOMI 88 (R Marchant) P Makin 8-8 R Hughes 53
205 (10) 00 DAUNTED 12 (Allen & Associates) G L Moore 8-6 A McGlone 54
206 (4) 050 DUSTY DANCER 85 (T O C S Ltd) Miss G Kelleway 8-6 M Tebbutt 52
207 (3) *0 PIPADOR 12 (Noodles Racing) R Hannon 8-6* Dane O'Neill 39
208 (20) 006 SAINT GEORGE 18 (Russell Publishing Ltd) G Balding 8-6 S Drowne 53
209 (19) 06 SKIP CHURCH 9 (Lord Huntingdon) Lord Huntingdon 8-4 Aimee Cook (5) 43
210 (1) 02523 JAMES DEE 15 (BF) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 8-3 D Sweeney [61]
211 (18) 30 CALCAVELLA 7 (Pillar To Post Racing) M Kettle 8-1 T Sprake 75
212 (6) 00065 CLARA BLUE 23 (Epsom Sporting Proposals Ltd) T D McCarthy 8-1 N Pollard (5) 45
213 (5) COMMON CONSENT (Mrs F Gordon) S Woodman 8-1 J Quinn –
214 (15) *GOLCONDA (Innlaw Racing) M Bell 8-1* R Mullen (3) –
215 (11) INDIANNIE (Timberhill Racing Partnership) M Channon 8-1 A Mackay –
216 (12) JANE GREY (J & J Cook) M Saunders 8-1 Sophie Mitchell –
217 (8) 00 LA PAOLA 44 (G Batocchi) B Meehan 8-1 C Rutter 43
218 (13) CABBAGE CRUSADER (Great Leap Forward P'ship) P Gilligan 7-12 M Baird (3) –
219 (9) 00 ESTACADO 19 (V) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 7-12 N Carlisle 67
220 (16) 2 L'AGNEAU NOIR 9 (S Lamb) W Muir 7-12 Martin Dwyer 61

BETTING: 11-4 James Dee, 4-1 L'Agneau Noir, 11-2 Calcavella, 6-1 Indiannie, 10-1 Golconda, 12-1 Dusty Dancer, 14-1 Pipador, Skip Church, 20-1 others.

1997: ARIAN DA 8-1 T Sprake (4-1 jt-fav) B Palling 14 ran

FORM FOCUS El Picador 7¾l 8th of 11 to Kaamen in 2yo maiden stakes at Newbury (5f 34yd, good to firm). Candellino 6½l 9th of 20 to Central Coast in 2yo maiden auction stakes at Nottingham (6f 15yd, good to firm). Nozomi 5½l 7th of 24 to Grey Princess in 2yo maiden auction stakes at Windsor (6f, good to firm). Daunted 9¾l 7th of 9 to Lots of Magic in 2yo maiden auction stakes at Epsom (7f, good to soft). Dusty Dancer 4¼l 8th of 12 to Saalend Rock in 2yo maiden auction stakes at Lingfield (5f, good to firm). *Pipador 13l 11th of 17 to Truth Seeker in 2yo maiden stakes at Haydock* (5f, good to firm). James Dee 1½l 3rd of 17 to Oriel Star in 2yo maiden auction stakes at Ripon (5f, good to firm). Calcavella 8¾l 9th of 19 to Frappe in 2yo maiden fillies at Kempton (6f, soft). *L'Agneau Noir* 1½l 2nd of 14 to Brockton Saga in maiden fillies auction stakes at Bath (5f 11yd, good to firm) with Skip Church (1lb worse off) 5¾l 6th

NOZOMI ran with plenty of promise on her debut at Windsor and can improve

3.20 WEATHERBYS MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP SERVICES HANDICAP (£3,761: 7l 16yd) (16 runners)

301 (8) 04352 GRANGEVILLE 15 (BF) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 3-9-10 M Hills 64
302 (1) 300460 TOP BANANA 19 (F,G) (H Candy) H Candy 7-9-9 Nicola Wright (7) 79
303 (7) *3-2034 HOH NAVIGATOR 16 (V,BF) (D Allport) M Bell 3-9-8* T Quinn 82
304 (13) 353305 MOON GORGE 38 (D,S) (Lady Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 3-9-7 J Quinn 82
305 (16) 360062 PERICLES 28 (B,D,G) (G Kelleway) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-7 P Fredericks (7) [88]
306 (4) 636152 DILKUSHA 25 (BF,D,F) (T Pambing) B Meehan 3-9-7 M Tebbutt 80
307 (12) 510003 *QUIZ SHOW 6 (D,S) (Lordsford Manor Stud) R Hannon 3-9-6* R Hughes 80
308 (6) 024540 RAKIS 31 (CD,F,S) (P Shorrock) Mrs L Stubbs 8-9-6 Pat Eddery 86
309 (3) 660214 BOLD TINA 18 (D,F) (Mrs C Harrington) R Hannon 4-9-4 Dane O'Neill 72
310 (9) *002000 SUPER MONARCH 50 (D) (Cheigate PR) K Burke 4-9-3* D Sweeney 73
311 (15) 0010 POLISH SPIRIT 11 (D,G) (Mrs I Palmer) B Millman 3-9-3 T Sprake 65
312 (10) 522163 SAMARA SONG 13 (CD,F,G) (Turton Builders) I Williams 5-9-0 Paul Eddery 84
313 (14) 253300 RYMER'S RASCAL 4 (D,F,S) (B Chambers) E Alston 6-8-12 W Supple 85
314 (11) -60040 RUSSIAN RELATION 89 (B) (Mrs J Fuller) Mrs P Dutfield 4-8-9 S Drowne 77
315 (5) 000023 CA'D'ORO 6 (BF,F,G,S) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 5-8-9 P P Murphy (3) 86
316 (2) 402122 DAINTREE 18 (F) (G Amy) H Collingridge 4-8-8 N Carlisle 80

BETTING: 5-1 Quiz Show, 8-1 Dilkusha, Samara Song, 10-1 Grangeville, Hoh Navigator, Pericles, Rakis, 12-1 Polish Spirit, Top Banana, Moon George, 14-1 Ca'D'Oro, 16-1 others

1997: MYTTONS MISTAKE 4-8-9 P Roberts (12-1) A Bailey 16 ran

FORM FOCUS Grangeville 1¾l 2nd of 4 to Peaceful Sarah in 3yo maiden stakes at Epsom (7f, good to firm). Top Banana 4l 7th of 13 to Stylish Ways in apprentice handicap at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) with *Quiz Show (5lb better off) 6l 8th.* Hoh Navigator 6½l 4th of 8 to Seyaasi in 3yo maiden stakes at Newcastle (1m, good to firm). Moon Gorge 8¾l 5th of 8 to Rich In Love in fillies handicap at Yarmouth (7f 3yd, good to firm). Pericles 2½l 2nd of 7 to Quiet Venture in stakes at Musselburgh (7f 30yd, good). Dilkusha 1l 2nd of 15 to Contrary Mary in 3yo handicap at Lingfield (7f, good to soft). *Quiz Show 1l 6th of 20 to Salty Jack in handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to soft).* Polish Spirit 12l 10th of 16 to Granny's Pet in handicap at Haydock (7f 30yd, good) with Quiz Show (levels) 15l 13th. Samara Song 1¾l 3rd of 24 to Royal Result in handicap at York (6f 214yd, good) with Rymer's Rascal (2lb better off) 19l 23rd. Rymer's Rascal 11l 15th of 21 to Bowcliffe in handicap at Doncaster (1m, good). Ca'D'Oro 1¼l 3rd of 19 to Akalim in handicap at Chepstow (7f 16yd, good to soft). Daintree neck 2nd of 12 to Scent Of Success in fillies handicap at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm) with Bold Tina (2lb better off) 2l 4th.

DAINTREE is receiving weight all round and can go one better

3.50 EBF MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,518: 1m 14yd) (10 runners)

401 (6) ANGEL BORNE (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-11 M Hills –
CRIMSON GLORY 20 (Sheikh M al-Maktoum) C Brittain 8-11 T Sprake –
402 (9) 4 CRIMSON GLORY 20 (Sheikh Ahmed al-Maktoum) M Tregoning 8-11 R Perham 21
403 (10) 0 DONTBETONME 13 (Sheikh A al-Maktoum) J Gosden 8-11 A Garth –
404 (2) FUSTANELLA (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11 Pat Eddery –
405 (3) KRISTINA (J Richmond-Watson) M Stoute 8-11 Dane O'Neill [88]
406 (7) 2400 KUWAIT DAWN 7 (Greenfield Stud) K Mahdi 8-11 J Quinn 31
407 (1) 4 MA-ARIF 13 (H al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-11 W J O'Connor 43
408 (4) 0 MOONLIT WATER 19 (Aylesfield Farms Ltd) J Dunlop 8-11 A McGlone –
409 (5) RAMRUMA (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) H Cecil 8-11 T Quinn –
410 (8) 2 SOCIAL SCENE 20 (R Sangster & B Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 T Quinn –

BETTING: 3-1 Ramruma, 7-2 Social Scene, 11-2 Kristina, 7-1 Crimson Glory, Fustanella, 8-1 Ma-Arif, 10-1 others.

1997: NEBL 8-11 R Hills (11-2) W Hern 5 ran

FORM FOCUS Kuwait Dawn 11l 9th of 22 to Boomerang Blade in 2yo auction stakes at Doncaster (6f, good). Ma-arif 5¾l 4th of 12 to Mother of Pearl in 2yo fils maiden stakes at Salisbury (6f 212yd, good) with Dontbetonme (levels) 9¾l 9th. Moonlit Water 12l 13th of 16 to Miss Amanpuri in 2yo maiden fillies at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). Social Scene ¾l 2nd of 13 to Ghazeerah in 2yo maiden fillies at Folkestone (6f 189yd, firm) with Crimson Glory (levels) 3¾l 4th.

SOCIAL SCENE can confirm Folkestone placings with Crimson Glory

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

4.25 SURBITON FILLIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,729: 1m 14yd) (12 runners)

501 (3) 310- NEBL 334 (CD,F) (H al-Maktoum) M Tregoning 9-7 R Perham 76
502 (8) -06140 BOBBYDAZZLE 60 (D,G,S) (Mrs B Cohen) J Scargill 9-4 J Quinn 72
503 (11) *024-31 HONEY STORM 212 (D) (Mrs T Burns) M Channon 9-3* A Mackay 59
504 (1) -24150 PERIDOT 41 (V,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-3 A McGlone 87
505 (2) 135526 RIBBLESDALE 11 (B,S) (P Cooper) J Dunlop 8-12 Pat Eddery 94
506 (10) 4-2606 BINT KALDOUN 6 (M Jaber) C Brittain 8-11 T Sprake 94
507 (6) 022233 HEBONY 38 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-7 A Garth 87
508 (9) 001805 RESPOND 19 (D,F) (B & C Pennick) G L Moore 8-6 Candy Morris [99]
509 (12) 53650 WINDY GULCH 12 (Lord Lloyd-Webber) P Cole 8-4 T Quinn 95
510 (7) 335261 FOREST FIRE 26 (C,F) (Mrs M Campbell) B Hanbury 8-2 R Mullen (3) 97
511 (5) 014300 PRIDE OF MY HEART 11 (F) (K Harris) I Balding 8-1 Martin Dwyer 85
512 (4) -30060 FLUSH 27 (G Lowe, The Losers Owners Group) J Hills 8-0 N Pollard (5) 78

BETTING: 5-1 Hebony, 7-1 Peridot, Ribblesdale, Forest Fire, 8-1 Bobbydazzle, Honey Storm, 10-1 Nebl, Bint Kaldoun, Respond, 12-1 others.

1997: IRISH LIGHT 9-7 L Dettori (11-4 fav) M Stoute 9 ran

FORM FOCUS Nebl 39l last of 28 to The Glow-Worm in 2yo handicap at Newmarket (1m, good to soft). Bobbydazzle 4½l 7th of 10 to Florazi in 3yo handicap at Newmarket (1m, firm). Honey Storm *beat Bunnies Own 1½l in 9-runner 3yo fillies stakes at Southwell (1m, Aw, fibresand).* Peridot 17l 7th of 9 to Up At The Top in 3yo handicap at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good). Ribblesdale 4½l 6th of 18 to Queens Consul in fillies handicap at Thirsk (1m, good). Bint Kaldoun 3l 6th of 20 to Salty Jack in handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to soft). Hebony 4½l 3rd of 8 to Rich In Love in fillies handicap at Yarmouth (7f 3yd, good to firm). Respond 13l 5th of 10 to Feel Free in 3yo handicap at Goodwood (1m 1f, good to firm). Windy Gulch 7¼l 9th of 19 to Norcroft Joy in handicap at Haydock (1m 3f 200yd, good to firm). Forest Fire beat Carver Doone neck in 10-runner 3yo claiming stakes at *Sandown (1m 1f, good to firm). Pride Of My Heart 6l 7th of 15 to Pay On Red in 3yo handicap at* Epsom (1m 114yd, soft). Flush 18l last of 11 to Splendid Isolation in 3yo maiden stakes at Salisbury (6f 212yd, good to firm).

HEBONY has been consistent without winning, but gets the vote over Forest Fire

4.55 WILLOW CLAIMING STAKES (£3,035: 5f 6yd) (14 runners)

601 (14) *020030 BANDBOX 13 (G) (Falcon Boys Partnership) M Salaman 3-9-0* J Quinn 100
602 (3) 140814 THAT MAN AGAIN 16 (CD,F,G) (J & R Duffy) S C Williams 6-8-11 M Tebbutt 99
603 (7) 315026 MAMMA'S BOY 11 (G) (G Tinbocchi) J Berry 3-8-8 Pat Eddery 82
604 (11) 22360- TEMPUS FUGIT 326 (D,G) (Keepers) B Millman 3-8-6 T Sprake 76
605 (12) 0-0403 AJIG DANCER 96 (D) (Timberhill Racing Partnership) M Channon 3-8-7 T Quinn 95
606 (10) 005050 LONGWICK LAD 9 (D,F) (Mrs M Wickham) W Muir 5-8-6 Martin Dwyer 94
607 (2) 000000 BEAU VENTURE 16 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Stacey) B Palling 10-8-4 D Sweeney 104
608 (1) *200022 LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 13 (CD,F,G) (Elite Racing) M Heaton-Ellis 10-8-4* R Perham [112]
609 (13) 0-2600 CRYSTAL CRAZE 9 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-3 Paul Eddery 53
610 (9) 06/000 PALACEGATE GOLD 29 (D,F,G,S) (J King) J Long 9-8-3 N Pollard (5) 40
611 (8) 353006 CHIKAPENNY 16 (V) (M Parker) Mrs L Stubbs 3-8-1 P P Murphy (3) 86
612 (5) 603300 HEAVENLY MISS 22 (D,F) (T Mitchell) J Bridger 4-7-13 N Carlisle 90
613 (6) 306060 PERSIAN FORTUNE 29 (D) (J Charlton) W G M Turner 3-7-13 L Newman (7) 65
614 (4) 120553 NOBLE WATER 25 (F) (J Bridger) J Bridger 3-7-11 S Drowne –

BETTING: 5-2 Lord High Admiral, 9-2 Ajig Dancer, 5-1 That Man Again, 8-1 Bandbox, 10-1 Mamma's Boy, 12-1 Chikapenny, 14-1 Tempus Fugit, Longwick Lad, Beau Venture, 20-1 others.

1997: PALO BLANCO 6-8-3 Candy Morris (9-2) G L Moore 20 ran

FORM FOCUS That Man Again ¾l 4th of 14 to Broadway Melody in claiming stakes at Warwick (5f, good to firm) with Chikapenny (13lb worse off) 4½l 6th and Beau Venture (7lb worse off) 39l last. Mamma's Boy 11l 6th of 12 to Diamond Drill in 3yo handicap at Wolverhampton (7f, Aw, fibresand). Tempus Fugit 23l 14th of 19 to Beware in 2yo handicap at Newbury (6f 8yd, good to soft). Ajig Dancer neck 3rd of 7 to Madame Jones in 3yo handicap at Goodwood (6f, good). Longwick Lad 6½l 10th of 18 to Cauda Equina in handicap at Bath (5f 161yd, good to firm). Lord High Admiral 1l 2nd of 15 to Cauda Equina in handicap at Salisbury (5f, good) with Bandbox (13lb worse off) 9l 13th. Crystal Craze 24l 17th of 18 to In The Stocks in selling handicap at Bath (1m 5yd, good to firm). Palacegate Gold 8½l 9th of 13 to Alpen Wolf in selling stakes at Brighton (5f 213yd, firm). *Heavenly Miss 3¾l 8th of 16 to Bold Frontier in selling handicap at Lingfield (5f, good to firm) with* Chikapenny (6lb better off) 6¾l 12th. Persian Fortune 21l 13th of 14 to Lady Yavanna in 3yo stakes at Brighton (7f 214yd, firm).

With the draw against Lord High Admiral, the useful AJIG DANCER is the selection

5.25 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,087: 1m 6f) (18 runners)

1 (10) 362130 DURHAM 14 (B,CD,F,G) (M Thole) G L Moore 7-9-11 Pat Eddery 79
2 (1) 004500 JAWAH 16 (V,D,G,S) (H Al-Mutawa) K Mahdi 4-9-11 R Hughes [88]
3 (15) 4-4563 RISING SPRAY 47 (D,F) (Exors late J Heritage) C Horgan 7-9-11 T Quinn 80
4 (4) 540040 ARCTIC THUNDER 20 (F,G,S) (Merthyr Auctions) B Palling 7-9-9 D Sweeney 66
5 (2) 030000 PACIFYC 9 (T Benson) W Muir 3-9-3 Martin Dwyer 55
6 (5) 504361 FIELDS OF OMAGH 9 (F) (P Mellon) I Balding 3-9-3 (5ex) M Hills 70
7 (8) 213442 MURCHAN TYNE 26 (F) (Harrington-Worrall Racing) E Alston 5-9-2 W Supple 77
8 (9) 320250 PADAUK 9 (D Butler, B Pettis & M Haynes) M Haynes 4-9-1 S Drowne 83
9 (18) 525362 SAINTLY THOUGHTS 9 (K Dasmal) G Lewis 3-8-13 Paul Eddery 77
10 (13) 630110 PREMIER LEAGUE 7 (F,G) (Hadande P'ship) A Cunningham-Brown 8-8-11 T Sprake 65
11 (12) 602323 WILD COLONIAL BOY 9 (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 3-8-7 Dane O'Neill 79
12 (6) -32000 FLYING COLOURS 20 (Mrs R Baker) C Benstead 4-8-6 A Mackay 71
13 (14) 005503 SHINING DANCER 26 (F,G) (Lakeside Partnership) S Dow 6-8-5 C Rutter 79
14 (17) 002424 MIGHTY MAGIC 22 (BF) (R Lory) D Elsworth 3-8-3 N Pollard (5) 76
15 (16) 432305 SAN GLAMORE MELODY 9 (949 Racing) R Ingram 4-8-2 R Havlin (3) 81
16 (3) 004524 TEREYNA 35 (Mrs P Robeson) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-0 R Mullen (3) 77
17 (11) *000-08 HAVE A BREAK 74 (B) (Direct Salt Supplies Ltd) C Egerton 3-7-12* J Quinn 63
18 (7) 063410 MAY KING MAYHEM 16 (B,G,S) (S Hardison) Mrs A King 5-7-10 N Carlisle 60

Long handicap: May King Mayhem 7-9.

BETTING: 6-1 Fields Of Omagh, 7-1 Durham, Rising Spray, Saintly Thoughts, 8-1 Murchan Tyne, Wild Colonial Boy, Shining Dancer, 12-1 others.

1997: VERONICA FRANCO 4-8-9 Dane O'Neill (14-1) P Hedger 14 ran

FORM FOCUS *Durham 32l 13th of 14 to Karasi in handicap at York (1m 5f 194yd, good). Jawah 28l 7th of 8 to Nanton Point in handicap at Warwick* (2m 20yd, good to firm). Rising Spray 3l 3rd of 11 to Moon Colony in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm) with Pacifyc (5lb better off) beaten a distance last. Pacifyc 11l 9th of 12 to Key Academy in maiden stakes at Bath (1m 3f 144yd, good to firm). Fields Of Omagh beat Saintly Thoughts (5lb better off) 6l in 15-runner maiden handicap at Bath (1m 5f 22yd, good to firm) with Wild Colonial Boy (5lb better off) 6¾l 3rd, San Glamore *Melody (5lb better off) 7½l 5th* and Padauk (5lb better off) 17l 8th. Murchan Tyne 6l 2nd of 11 to Mazzalino in handicap at Chester (1m 7f 195yd, good). Premier League 12l 7th of 18 to Billaddie in handicap at Kempton (1m 4f, good to soft). Flying Colours 9¾l 11th of 16 to Short Romance in handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, firm) with Arctic Thunder (2lb better off) 14l 13th. Shining Dancer *neck 3rd of 12 to Fast Forward Fred in handicap at Sandown (2m 78yd, good to firm). Mighty Magic 3l 4th of 15 to Persian Sabre in fillies handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, good to firm).* Tereyna 7¾l 4th *of 7 to Absentee in 3yo handicap at Nottingham* (1m 6f 15yd, good). Have A Break 9¼l 6th of 17 to Grosvenor Spirit in 3yo stakes at Nottingham (1m 1f 213yd, good). May King Mayhem 15l 7th of 9 to Miss Pin Up in handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f 15yd, good to firm).

FIELDS OF OMAGH is an improving type who can defy a penalty for his last win

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S C Williams	6	20	30.0	Pat Eddery	61	278	21.9
J Berry	8	38	21.1	N Pollard	4	26	15.4
M Stoute	30	144	20.8	M Hills	17	135	12.6
H Cecil	17	82	20.7	T Quinn	23	183	12.6
P Chapple-Hyam	6	35	17.1	Dane O'Neill	15	130	11.5
J Gosden	20	119	16.8	Only qualifiers			
J Dunlop	22	132	16.7				

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Sandown Park

Going: good to soft (good in places)

2.15 (5f 6yd) 1, Diamond Geezer (Dane O'Neill, 9-1); 2, Robber Red (100-30); 3, Otello (8-1). Kastaway 11-8 fav. 14 ran. ½l, 1l. R Hannon. Tote: £12.80; £3.10, £2.10, £3.10. DF: £36.60. CSF: £36.98.

2.45 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Royal Fontaine (M Roberts, 13-8 fav); 2, Khataya (9-1); 3, Sconced (12-1). 13 ran. 1½l, 1¼l. J Hills. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £2.30, £3.20. DF: £9.60. CSF: £15.87.

3.20 (1m 14yd) 1, Baliwick (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 2, Biennale (9-2); 3, Wolf Tooth (10-1). Cuizean 6-4 fav. 7 ran. Sh hd, 1½l. B Smart. Tote: £5.60; £2.10, £2.30. DF: £12.40. CSF: £20.23.

3.50 (7f 16yd) 1, Easter Ogil (Pat Eddery, 7-2); 2, Hadith (10-1); 3, Amber Fort (100-30 fav). 11 ran. Nk, sh hd. I Balding. Tote: £4.60; £1.90, £3.90, £1.60. DF: £36.50. CSF: £39.88.

4.25 (1m 14yd) 1, Hit The Spot (P Robinson, 12-1); 2, Kennet (20-1); 3, Roger Ross (3-1 fav). 14 ran. 1¾l, ½l. W Haggas. Tote: £14.70; £3.60, £5.70, £1.40. DF: £199.70. CSF: £226.80. Tricast: £837.84.

4.55 (5f 6yd) 1, Sunley Sense (T Quinn, 8-1); 2, Petrovna (6-1); 3, Sydney Satehands (9-1). Almost Amber 4-1 fav. 12 ran. 1½l, sh hd. M Channon. Tote: £10.20; £2.60, £2.10, £2.40. DF: £45.50. CSF: £55.50. Tricast: £420.74.

5.25 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Mary Cull (Nicola Wright, 12-1); 2, Famous (14-1); 3, Royal Legend (13-2); 4, Greenaway Bay (8-1). Protaras Bay 6-1 fav. 19 ran. NR: Show Faith. ¾l, 1½l. H Candy. Tote: £14.00; £2.80, £2.50, £2.70, £3.40. DF: £86.30. CSF: £171.76. Tricast: £1,113.85.

Jackpot: £94,515.00 (0.3 winning tickets. Pool of £93,183.88 carried forward to Sandown Park today).

Placepot: £174.00. Quadpot: £33.90.

Yarmouth

Going: good to soft (good in back straight)

2.05 (1m 3f 101yd) 1, Coalminersdaughter (J Fowle, 4-1); 2, Mysterious Ecology (5-1); 3, Shambles (14-1). Cromer Pier (5th) 100-30 fav. 12 ran. NR: Dancing Al. ½l, ¾l. J Hills. Tote: £4.40; £1.80, £1.70, £3.50. DF: £9.00. CSF: £19.80.

2.35 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Saafeya (G Hind, 7-2); 2, Innuendo (7-4 jt-fav); 3, La Nuit Rose (7-4 jt-fav). 6 ran. ½l, 8l. J Gosden. Tote: £4.70; £1.70, £1.40. DF: £3.20. CSF: £8.59.

3.10 (6f 3yd) 1, Here And Now (J Reid, 5-1); 2, Indian Brave (5-4 fav); 3, Cambrea Firstlove (10-1). 5 ran. 1½l, ¾l. C Brittain. Tote: £4.40; £2.40, £1.30. DF: £2.60. CSF: £10.88.

3.40 (5f 43yd) 1, Levelled (L Dettori, 11-4 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Eastern Prophets (11-2); 3, Lamarita (33-1); 4, Sylva Paradise (7-1). 19 ran. NR: Patsy Grimes. 1¾l, hd. M Channon. Tote: £3.60; £1.50, £2.10, £7.60, £2.10. DF: £13.30. Trifecta: £580.90. CSF: £13.73. Tricast: £413.74.

4.15 (7f 3yd) 1, Miss Money Spider (J Reid, 6-1); 2, Zahran (16-1); 3, Elkon Ledger (8-1). Krasamba 9-2 fav. 20 ran. 5l, 2½l. N Callaghan. Tote: £8.90; £2.50, £4.30, £2.10. DF: £68.60. CSF: £87.48.

4.45 (7f 3yd) 1, Creme Caramel (L Dettori, 7-4 fav); 2, Gino's Spirits (20-1); 3, P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £5.30, £4.10. DF: £25.20. CSF: £42.55. Tricast: £271.14.

Placepot: £83.90. Quadpot: £22.60.

Sedgefield

Going: good to firm

2.25 (2m 5f 110yd) 1, Bold Top (B Storey, 3-1 fav); 2, Parsons Green Boy (7-2); 3, Ranus Major (4-1). 12 ran. 1¾l, 2l. M Sowersby. Tote: £3.00; £1.30, £2.10, £1.40. DF: £6.10. CSF: £12.48. Tricast: £39.63.

2.55 (2m 1f) 1, Fullopep (Mr A Dempsey, 11-4 fav); 2, Farfields Prince (9-2); 3, Cathedral Belle (4-1). 8 ran. NR: Petit Flora. 3l, hd. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £4.00; £1.50, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £14.50. CSF: £15.11.

3.30 (2m 110yd) 1, Aavasaksa (A P McCoy, 4-1); 2, More Dash Thancash (evens fav); 3, Sousse (14-1). 8 ran. 9l, 8l. M Pipe. Tote: £4.70; £1.70, £1.10, £2.60. DF: £4.00. CSF: £8.25.

4.00 (2m 5f 110yd) 1, The Mickletonian (R Supple, 6-1); 2, Silver Minx (5-4 fav); 3, Brambles Way (6-1). 7 ran. 8l, 5l. C Grant. Tote: £7.20; £3.60, £1.10. DF: £6.30. CSF: £12.29.

4.35 (2m 5f) 1, Mischevous Girl (Mrs F Needham, 33-1); 2, The Toaster (4-1); 3, Tartan Tradewinds (7-4 fav). 7 ran. ½l, 2½l. R Tate. Tote: £30.50; £5.70, £1.90. DF: £50.80. CSF: £142.64.

5.05 (2m 1f) 1, Hit And Run (A P McCoy, 4-5 fav); 2, Free (7-1); 3, Prolepse (8-1). 12 ran. NR: Saxon Victory. 2l, 17l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £1.90, £1.60. DF: £6.70. CSF: £8.63.

Placepot: £24.20. Quadpot: £16.70.

BEVERLEY

THUNDERER

1.55 Perusing. 2.25 Auspicious. 2.55 Lucky Feather. 3.30 Taker Chance. 4.00 Master Caster. 4.35 Alhasad. 5.05 Bahamian Pirate. 5.35 Moonlight Flit.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.25 **AUSPICIOUS** (nap). 5.35 Mark Of Prophet.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.55 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,101: 7l 100yd) (11 runners)

1 45 PERUSING 19 L Cumani 8-9 J Fortune 5
2 00 CLARINCH CLAYMORE 12 J Jefferson 8-7 O Pears 3
3 INDIGO BEACH M Prescott 8-7 S Sanders 4
4 0 PLEASANT MOUNT 32 Miss J A Camacho 8-7 L Charnock 1
5 0 OH SO GRAND 65 R Cowell 8-4 A Culhane 2
6 00 BLACKEYED BOY 45 A Bailey 8-3 J Bosley (7) 10
7 0050 NATHAN'S BOY 29 R Hollinshead 8-3 K Darley 8
8 WOOLLY WINSOME B Smart 8-3 J Stack 6
9 0 BARN OWL 13 J Dunlop 8-2 D O'Donohoe 7
10 0 MCCALLUM'S TIME 37 N Bycroft 7-12 T Williams 9
11 50 TABBIE SHEILS 28 (BF) Mrs J Ramsden 7-12 P Fessey 11

8-11 Perusing, 9-2 Indigo Beach, 6-1 Tabbie Sheils, 7-1 Barn Owl, 20-1 Pleasant Mount, Nathan's Boy, 25-1 Clarinch Claymore, Oh So Grand, 33-1 others.

2.25 EBF GARROWBY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,829: 7l 100yd) (15)

1 0 AL SADIYA 28 J Dunlop 8-11 J Fortune 9
2 AUSPICIOUS Sir M Stoute 8-11 K Darley 3
3 3 FANTAZIA 11 M Johnston 8-11 D Holland 11
4 50 KAROWNA 11 B McMahon 8-11 L Newton 1
5 0 MISS ARCH 12 G Oldroyd 8-11 G Parkin 4
6 5 MYNAH BIRD 18 Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 Alex Greaves 6
7 SAIL-ON BUN K McAuliffe 8-11 J F Egan 14
8 5 SAMUT 19 J Gosden 8-11 D O'Donohoe 10
9 6 SCARLET 39 C Thornton 8-11 Dean McKeown 12
10 36 SHOP WINDOW 19 (BF) T Easterby 8-11 L Charnock 8
11 06 SHOT SILK 16 Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 S D Williams 7
12 SPUN SILK N Tinkler 8-11 A Culhane 15
13 TREASURY M Prescott 8-11 S Sanders 13
14 64 WEST ESCAPE 27 M Jarvis 8-11 P Robinson 2
15 *WHOOPS E Weymes 8-11* J Weaver 5

7-4 Auspicious, 7-2 Samut, 6-1 Fantazia, 7-1 Al Sadiya, 9-1 Treasury, 14-1 West Escape, 16-1 Mynah Bird, 20-1 others.

2.55 SPINKYS MADE IT TO 60 SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,530: 7l 100yd) (17)

1 205 LUCKY FEATHER 16 J Dunlop 9-7 K Darley 13
2 4106 CABLE MEDIA BOY 16 (D,F) S Kettlewell 9-2 J Fortune 2
3 2050 SWISS TONI 12 D Nicholls 9-0 Alex Greaves 9
4 6455 LAUREL PRINCE 20 J Berry 8-12 P Bradley (7) 3
5 0206 GYPSY MUSIC 11 G Oldroyd 8-12 D Griffiths (3) 1
6 5602 MISS CODY 8 (B,BF) T Easterby 8-11 L Charnock 7
7 *0534 MEDELAI 20 J Berry 8-10* J Weaver 15
8 6003 LITTLE HENRY 8 (V) P Evans 8-10 J F Egan 10
9 5044 TIME TEMPTRESS 16 G M Moore 8-9 S Sanders 17
10 0606 TAPE TO WYN 15 J FitzGerald 8-6 D Holland 6
11 4300 TUULI 15 P Rowell 8-6 J Stack 14
12 5564 SOUNDS SWEET 19 J J O'Neill 8-6 R Lappin 12
13 0300 NATHAN'S HERO 19 R Hollinshead 8-5 A Culhane 16
14 4450 CANNYLASS 23 (V) N Tinkler 8-3 Kim Tinkler 5
15 0640 VENTURE ISLAND 25 W Musson 8-3 P Robinson 11
16 500 BALLYCROY RIVER 85 B McMahon 8-3 S Righton (7) 4
17 4044 SKYMISTRESS 30 M Dods 8-3 T Williams 8

11-2 Medela, 13-2 Miss Cody, 7-1 Laurel Prince, 8-1 Little Henry, 10-1 Lucky Feather, Cable Media Boy, Time Temptress, 12-1 others.

3.30 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,079: 7l 100yd) (11)

1 00 BUTTERSCOTCH 25 J Eyre 8-9 S Sanders 5
2 0404 NICE IDEAS 12 S Mellor 8-7 Dean McKeown 11
3 30 TAKER CHANCE 41 W Haggas 8-7 D Holland 2
4 *5226 EDMO HEIGHTS 14 T Easterby 8-5* L Charnock 4
5 BELLARINA N Tinkler 8-4 Kim Tinkler 7
6 000 NETHERHALL 76 M Meagher 8-3 P Fessey 9
7 00 NIGHTGLADE 14 M Brittain 8-3 D Mernagh (5) 10
8 CLADANTOM Mrs J Cecil 8-2 P Robinson 6
9 00 MADAM WAAJIB 18 B Hills 8-2 K Darley 8
10 04 BLUE PERU 20 B Smart 7-12 A McCarthy (3) 3
11 500 RAINBOW RAVER 34 C Smith 7-12 J F Egan 1

6-4 Edmo Heights, 7-2 Taker Chance, 5-1 Madam Waajib, 7-1 Nice Ideas, 10-1 Cladantom, 16-1 Butterscotch, 20-1 Bellarina, Blue Peru, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 10 winners from 25 runners, 40.0%; A Stewart, 7 from 22, 31.8%; M Johnston, 33 from 137, 24.1%; J Dunlop, 12 from 52, 23.1%; W Haggas, 3 from 15, 20.0%; Sir M Stoute, 6 from 30, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 51 winners from 248 rides, 20.6%; D Holland, 11 from 75, 14.7%; J Weaver, 24 from 166, 14.5%; Alex Greaves, 6 from 49, 12.2%; A Culhane, 16 from 151, 10.6%; J Fortune, 15 from 149, 10.1%.

4.00 JOHN MANGLES MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£3,215: 1m 100yd) (19)

1 0040 SAFE SHARP JO 11 M Jarvis 3-9-11 P Robinson 7
2 -310 FLASHTALKIN' FLOOD 124 (D,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-11 A Culhane 11
3 0640 HEVER GOLF GLORY 14 (D,G) N Littmoden 4-9-10 T G McLaughlin 16
4 4030 BARRESBO 14 (G) C Fairhurst 4-9-10 J Fanning 2
5 0002 KNAVE'S ASH 8 (D,F,G) D Nicholls 7-9-10 Alex Greaves 10
6 1000 FOREST ROBIN 15 (D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-9 P Dobbs (7) 15
7 6202 MASTER CASTER 23 Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-9 J Fortune 14
8 6-00 LAA JADEED 22 J Glover 3-9-8 S D Williams 5
9 0500 MUJOVA 21 (F,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-8 K Darley 15
10 1220 AMICO 14 (D) C Thornton 4-9-5 Dean McKeown 4
11 0440 XYLEM 14 (D,F,G,S) J Gosden 7-9-7 D O'Donohoe 13
12 0410 TIPPERARY SUNSET 23 (D,F,G,S) J J Quinn 4-9-7 J F Egan 12
13 03-0 CHASKA 193 (F) A Bailey 4-9-5 K Hodgson 7
14 0150 DURHAM FLYER 16 (B,S) T Easterby 3-9-6 L Charnock 6
15 3400 COURT EXPRESS 8 (F) J Jefferson 4-9-6 J Weaver 3
16 1503 GENUINE JOHN 15 (D,G) J Parkes 5-9-5 S Sanders 17
17 *3101 HOLY SMOKE 21 (D,S) J Eyre 3-9-4* J McAuley (7) 9
19 50-0 ANGELIQUE 33 D Barker 4-9-3 T Williams 19
19 5000 CAEROSA 21 J FitzGerald 3-9-3 D Holland 5

5-1 Knave's Ash, 7-1 Master Caster, Holy Smoke, 9-1 Forest Robin, Amico, 10-1 Barresbo, 12-1 Safe Sharp Jo, Hever Golf Glory, Xylem, 14-1 others.

4.35 ARAGON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,698: 5f) (20)

1 62 ABBAJABBA 44 C Fairhurst 9-0 D Holland 5
2 25 ALHASAD 27 (BF) A Stewart 9-0 T G McLaughlin 16
3 0 BORDER GLEN 18 M Prescott 9-0 S Sanders 15
4 0 CLEAR THE SMOKE 12 Mrs N Macauley 9-0 J F Egan 11
5 DAD'S KEY M W Easterby 9-0 G Parkin 18
6 4 DOCTOR KOOL 117 T Tate 9-0 T Lucas 19
7 00 EMINENT BLAZE 16 D Nicholls 9-0 Alex Greaves 17
8 0 FOURGREYS 66 Miss J A Camacho 9-0 L Charnock 4
9 400 FOURTH TIME LUCKY 12 B Murray 9-0 K Hodgson 8
10 KID'Z'PLAY M Johnston 9-0 Dean McKeown 20
11 50 LITTLE CINNAMON 21 J Eyre 9-0 J Fortune 3
12 3302 LUCKY COVE 21 B McMahon 9-0 D Biggs 2
13 4 MANDEREZ 15 J FitzGerald 9-0 J Weaver 10
14 WHEELS OF STEEL J Leigh 9-0 L Newton 12
15 4 ENTWINE 12 J Fanshawe 8-9 D O'Donohoe 1
16 65 FLYING THE FLAG 12 J L Harris 8-9 B Byrnes (7) 9
17 NHUOUD S Hall 8-9 K Darley 14
18 00 KRISHAN FROLIC 74 M W Easterby 8-9 S Finnamore (7) 13
19 00 LITTLE MUFFKINS 18 M Smethurst 8-9 O Pears 7
20 STARTOO S Johnson Houghton 8-9 A Culhane 6

4-1 Abbajabba, 6-1 Alhasad, 7-1 Nhuoud, 9-1 Kid'Z'Play, 9-1 Lucky Cove, 10-1 Doctor Kool, Little Cinnamon, Manderez, Entwine, 12-1 others.

5.05 SPURN POINT MAIDEN STAKES (£3,693: 5f) (18)

1 6- CRACKER 310 A Smith 3-9-0 R Lappin 18
2 -536 DAZZLING STONE 43 (BF) C Fairhurst 4-9-0 L Charnock 12
3 5002 BAHAMIAN PIRATE 11 D Nicholls 3-9-12 Alex Greaves 2
4 00 BANK HOUSE 11 G Holmes 3-9-12 S Finnamore (7) 11
5 00 GALLANT FELLOW 9 C Egerton 3-9-1 A McCarthy (3) 4
6 0-03 MURASIB 42 (BF) C Hatherwell 3-9-1 J Fortune 6
7 0000 REVENGE IS SWEET 46 E Midgley 3-9-12 L Newton 7
8 4026 SEALED BY FATE 32 (B) J Wainwright 3-9-13 A Culhane 1
9 3026 TUSCAN DREAM 9 (BF) J Berry 3-9-13 K Darley 16
10 00 BRIGHT EYES 11 J Wainwright 5-9-9 N Kennedy 17
11 0-44 ALMUROOJ 32 B Hills 3-9-5 D Holland 9
12 0000 CRYSTAL WATERS 25 G Oldroyd 3-8-8 M Semple (7) 10
13 0 EARLY PURPLE 11 J J O'Neill 3-8-8 O Pears 3
14 2000 PHANTOM RING 6 A Bailey 3-8-8 S Sanders 15
15 5460 RICH CHOICE 20 (V) J Berry 3-8-8 J Weaver 5
16 0006 SUPACALIFRAGILISTIK 11 (V) J Balding 3-8-5 J Edmunds 13
17 000 TROPHY CENTRE 83 Miss L Perratt 3-8-5 J F Egan 8
18 0000 TURF MOOR 21 E Alston 3-8-6 Melanie Worden (7) 14

7-4 Bahamian Pirate, 4-1 Tuscan Dream, 6-1 Almurooj, 10-1 Sealed By Fate, 12-1 Dazzling Stone, 14-1 Phantom Ring, 20-1 others.

5.35 PORT OF HULL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,036: 1m 3f 216yd) (15)

1 0210 MARK OF PROPHET 19 (D,F) J Banks 9-7 J Fortune 11
2 504 NEEDWOOD MYSTIC 16 B Morgan 9-2 P Robinson 3
3 4000 RHEIN HILL 16 P Harris 9-1 A Culhane 2
4 5330 CHAMELI 151 J Eyre 8-12 O Pears 4
5 2206 CHOCOLATE BOX 9 (B) W Haggas 8-9 S Sanders 9
6 5044 CAMERON JACK 35 J Bethell 8-9 J Weaver 15
7 6800 MAGIC SPRING 13 K McAuliffe 8-9 J F Egan 10
8 1540 FEARLESS BRAVE 20 (B,D,G) C Thornton 8-9 D McKeown 8
9 -000 DANZIG FLYER 13 P Harris 8-7 K Darley 1
10 0650 PICCADILLY 16 T Etherington 8-5 D Holland 14
11 *3020 BUZZ THE AGENT 18 (B,BF) M W Easterby 8-4* G Parkin 12
12 0-00 FORGOTTEN STAR 22 R Johnson Houghton 8-1 T Williams 5
13 6500 SUGGEST 2 (V,F,G) W Storey 8-0 N Kennedy 13
14 0651 MOONLIGHT FLIT 22 (C,F) J Eyre 7-12 L Charnock 7
15 2102 SKYERS A KITE 18 (BF,CD,G) Ron Thompson 7-10 Dale Gibson 6

9-2 Mark Of Prophet, 6-1 Cameron Jack, 7-1 Chocolate Box, 8-1 Buzz The Agent, *Moonlight Flit, 10-1 Forgotten Star,* 12-1 Needwood Mystic, 14-1 others

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BEVERLEY: 5.05 Rich Choice. 5.35 Chocolate Box, Fearless Brave, Suggest. SANDOWN PARK: 2.45 Estacado. 3.20 Hoh Navigator. 4.25 Pendol. 5.25 Jawah. YARMOUTH: 2.05 Northern Lass. 3.10 Abreeze. 5.15 *Swinging The Blues*

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2.05 Simlet. 2.35 Pinchincha. 3.10 To The Roof. 3.40 Balisada. 4.15 Allinson's Mate. 4.45 **OATH** (nap). 5.15 Harmony Hall.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 Abreeze.

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2.05 NEWTON SELLING STAKES (£2,163: 1m 2f 21yd) (17 runners)

1 (2) 0612 BE VALIANT 18 (D,G) J Fanshawe 4-9-8 K Fallon 60
2 (4) 0600 ERRANT 18 (D) D Cosgrove 6-9-8 N Callan (5) 58
3 (11) 0005 GOLD CLIPPER 8 M Ryan 4-9-8 P McCabe 59
4 (6) 0340 SAKHAROV 88 (D,F,G) J Neville 9-9-8 G Faulkner (3) 68
5 (1) 4204 ACTION JACKSON 27 (D,F,G) B McMath 6-9-3 G Bardwell 68
6 (5) 0056 COURT HOUSE 35 (G) M Chapman 4-9-3 T Wilson 55
7 (7) 6423 PEGASUS BAY 23 (BF,CD,F) D Cantillon 7-9-3 R Ffrench 72
8 (14) 2002 ZAHRAN 6 (F) J Bradley 7-9-3 G Carver (7) 74
9 (3) 3005 SIMLET 42 (B) W Jarvis 3-9-2 J Reid [80]
10 (15) 0000 KARINSKA 8 (CD,F,G,S) M Chapman 8-8-12 S Carson (7) 66
11 (12) 1566 NORTHERN LASS 20 (B,D,S) M Tompkins 3-8-11 A Nicholls (5) 53
12 (15) 00 SUPER-GEM 8 D Cosgrove 3-8-11 G Carter 36
13 (6) ALPINE LADY N Callaghan 3-8-6 J Lowe –
14 (17) 0000 CAPRIDARA 11 J L Harris 3-8-6 C Lowther 34
15 (10) *0-00 DOWNCLOSE DUCHESS 35 P Eccles 3-8-6* S Whitworth 38
16 (9) 3562 FRANCESCA'S FOLLY 28 (F) J Hills 3-8-6 R Hills 72
17 (16) 3525 SASSY 11 (BF,F) A Jarvis 3-8-6 J Carroll 72

5-2 Simlet, 6-1 Action Jackson, Zahran, Northern Lass, Sassy, 10-1 Be Valiant, Pegasus Bay, 12-1 others.

2.35 TOTE HANDICAP FOR THE GOLDEN JUBILEE TROPHY [SHOWCASE RACE] (£8,415: 1m 2f 21yd) (17)

1 (13) 6021 *INFATUATION 18 (D,F,G) Lady Herries 5-10-0* J Carroll 94
2 (6) 2-50 MAWINGO 39 (F,G) G Wragg 5-9-8 A Clark 99
3 (4) 5046 PARTY ROMANCE 25 (D,F,G) B Hanbury 4-9-6 R Hills 94
4 (11) 6510 ZALAL 40 (BF,D,G) L Cumani 3-9-6 R Ffrench 74
5 (15) *601 TIME LOSS 78 (D,S) H Candy 3-9-5* L Dettori 86
6 (1) 6616 SICK AS A PARROT 19 (C,F,G) C Dwyer 3-9-4 G Faulkner (3) 93
7 (14) 0020 BRAVE NOBLE 19 (C,F) E Dunlop 3-9-4 S Whitworth 74
8 (17) 6440 PINCHINCHA 21 (D,F,S) D Morris 4-9-3 K Fallon 91
9 (2) 3231 GLEAMING HILL 6 (D,S) Sir M Stoute 3-9-3 (6ex) J Reid 87
10 (7) 3041 HONEST BORDERER 25 (F) J Dunlop 3-9-2 G Carter 97
11 (16) 5440 FAHS 11 (CD,G) G Lewis 6-9-2 M Day [99]
12 (3) 5113 PUZZLEMENT 15 (D,F) C Brittain 4-8-12 M Henry 95
13 (8) 0360 CIRO'S PEARL 107 (D,F,G) M Tompkins 4-8-12 A Nicholls (5) 96
14 (5) 0-00 NATURAL EIGHT 86 R Armstrong 4-8-11 G Hind 60
15 (9) 664 KIRILOV 30 R Armstrong 3-8-10 M Fenton 78
16 (12) 2200 MY LEARNED FRIEND 82 (D,F,G) S Woods 7-8-6 N Callan (5) 97
17 *(10) 5120 IRON MOUNTAIN 29 (CD,G,S) N Callaghan 3-8-1* J Lowe 93

6-1 Infatuation, 7-1 Party Romance, 8-1 Time Loss, Fahs, 10-1 Mawingo, Zalal, Gleaming Hill, Honest Borderer, 12-1 others.

3.10 NORTH SEA CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,246: 6f 3yd) (7)

1 (6) 3-16 DESIGNER 18 (D,F) J Gosden 3-8-9 G Hind 111
2 (3) 0203 KUWAIT 27 (D,G) E Dunlop 4-8-8 R Hills [124]
3 (5) 2405 TO THE ROOF 7 (D,F,G) P Harris 6-8-8 C Lowther 107
4 (4) 4-14 ABREEZE 19 (V,BF,CD,F,G) S bin Suroor 3-8-6 L Dettori 115
5 (7) 11-0 REFINED 28 (G,S) L Cumani 3-8-1 R Ffrench 108
6 *(2) 0204 TATTINGER 18 (D,F) J Fanshawe 3-8-1* G Carter 109
7 (1) 00 WALTZING MATILDA 9 C Brittain 3-8-1 M Henry 56

6-4 Abreeze, 3-1 Kumait, 4-1 To The Roof, 8-1 Designer, Refined, 16-1 Tattinger, 50-1 Waltzing Matilda.

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TRAINERS: S bin Suroor, 9 winners from 15 runners, 60.0%; H Cecil, 26 from 103, 25.2%; D Loder, 11 from 50, 22.0%; L Cumani, 14 from 65, 21.5%; J Hills, 5 from 25, 20.0%; B Hills, 9 from 46, 19.6%; M Channon, 10 from 52, 19.2%.

JOCKEYS: A Eddery, 3 winners from 11 rides, 27.3%; L Dettori, 36 from 138, 26.1%; R Hills, 34 from 147, 23.1%; J Reid, 7 from 35, 20.0%; K Fallon, 15 from 82, 18.3%; A Nicholls, 3 from 17, 17.6%; A Clark, 6 from 39, 15.4%.

3.40 EBF HALVERGATE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,781: 6f 3yd) (15)

1 (14) ALONSA C Brittain 8-11 F Lynch –
2 (2) AMALIA P Harris 8-11 C Lowther –
3 (10) BALISADA G Wragg 8-11 K Fallon –
4 (11) *CARABINE M Prescott 8-11* C Nutter –
5 (3) 62 DAHSHAH 19 B Hills 8-11 R Hills 55
6 (5) 22 DEVLETTA 22 (BF) J Gosden 8-11 G Hind [78]
7 (9) EBONY R Guest 8-11 G Carter –
8 (13) MELLOW MISS E Dunlop 8-11 S Whitworth –
9 (1) MISS SHEMA B Hanbury 8-11 J Carroll –
10 (4) 0 NIGHT LIFE 12 M Bell 8-11 M Fenton –
11 (15) 0 PRIME SURPRISE 13 C Dwyer 8-11 A Daly (3) 15
12 (7) RIVER SAINT M Stoute 8-11 J Reid –
13 (8) 3 SUBEEN 18 D Loder 8-11 L Dettori 76
14 (6) 0 THRIFTY 8 M Ryan 8-11 P McCabe –
15 *(12) TRUDIES TRYST G Margarson 8-11* G Bardwell –

9-4 Subeen, 5-1 Devletta, River Saint, 11-2 Dahshah, 8-1 Balisada, 10-1 Carabine, 14-1 Mellow Miss, 20-1 others.

4.15 STANLEY M THREADWELL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,124: 7l 3yd) (20)

1 (2) 0300 MARIGLIANO 13 (D,F,S) K Morgan 5-9-11 P Fitzsimons (5) 75
2 (18) 4000 LOVE ACADEMY 11 (F) M Johnston 3-9-11 R FitzPatrick 72
3 (20) 3136 SUITE FACTORS 27 (D,F) K Burke 4-9-8 N Callan (3) 75
4 (11) 1550 MERANTI 18 (D,F,G) J Bradley 5-9-8 Iona Wands 77
5 (13) 3002 BEST QUEST 21 J Gosden 3-9-5 P Doe 74
6 (15) 3643 QUEEN OF SCOTLAND 78 M Channon 3-9-4 A Eddery (3) 69
7 *(16) 0104 FRITTON 19 (CD,G) M Tompkins 3-9-0* A Nicholls (3) 79
8 (13) 0000 MIKE'S DOUBLE 11 (V) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-0 J Bosley (5) 84
9 (14) 0630 FLYING PENNANT 6 (V,D,F,S) J Bradley 5-8-13 C Carver (3) 76
10 (7) 5003 MUJI 11 (G) A Jarvis 3-8-10 R Smith (3) 85
11 (4) *0032 PETITE DANSEUSE 8 (D,G) D Chapman 4-8-8* P Goode (5) 86
12 (19) 0010 ALLINSON'S MATE 37 (B,D,G) T Barron 10-8-7 Kim Hart 83
13 (9) 5020 BATSMAN 48 (D) W Musson 4-8-6 D Hayden (5) 80
14 (8) 2500 COMEOUTOFTHEFOG 11 (D) A McNae 3-8-6 A Polli 81
15 (3) 6560 A BREEZE 22 (F) D Morris 4-8-5 D Williams (5) 74
16 (6) -060 OXBANE 62 Mrs S Lamyman 4-8-1 R Brisland (5) [91]
17 (5) 0440 SPRING BEACON 9 C Allen 3-8-0 C Cogan (5) 69
18 (17) 0060 LANDOFUN 22 H Collingridge 3-7-13 J Fowle (3) 86
19 (1) 0002 MAKE READY 27 J Neville 4-7-12 G Hannon (5) 83
20 (10) 0000 LINNETSONG 112 (D,G) D Chapman 3-7-11 R Thomas (5) 61

11-2 Best Quest, 6-1 Meranti, 8-1 Petite Danseuse, 10-1 Queen Of Scotland, Make Ready, 12-1 Suite Factors, 14-1 Marigliano, Love Academy, Fritton, 16-1 others.

4.45 EBF FLEGGBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,901: 7l 3yd) (18)

1 (18) 05 ADELPHI BOY 8 M Chapman 9-0 T Wilson 40
2 (10) EASAAR S bin Suroor 9-0 L Dettori –
3 (2) HOUSTON TIME D Loder 9-0 G Faulkner (3) –
4 (1) 00 INVADER 19 C Brittain 9-0 G Carter 57
5 (5) 4 LEDHAM 35 Sir M Stoute 9-0 J Reid 76
6 (8) LION CUB J Banks 9-0 C Lowther –
7 (12) MAKNAAS R Armstrong 9-0 A Clark –
8 (13) MUSTAFHEL J Gosden 9-0 R Hills –
9 (7) 5 OATH 103 H Cecil 9-0 K Fallon [75]
10 (15) 0 OH NO NOT HIM 8 M Jarvis 9-0 N Callan (5) –
11 (3) SCROOGE M Tompkins 9-0 A Nicholls (5) –
12 (17) 03 MITIE ACCESS 42 C Dwyer 8-9 F Lynch 12
13 *(11) POLAR PEAK G Margarson 8-9* G Bardwell –
14 (14) 60 QUEEN TITANIA 8 A McNae 8-9 R Ffrench 39
15 (4) 0 SAVMO ONE 129 C Smith 8-9 J Tate –
16 (16) SONIC SAPPHIRE E Dunlop 8-9 S Whitworth –
17 *(5) SUPER ZOE W Jarvis 8-9* N Day –
18 (9) TIPSY W Haggas 8-9 J Carroll –

2-1 Easaar, 7-2 Oath, 6-1 Houston Time, 7-1 Ledham, 10-1 Mustafhel, 12-1 Sonic Sapphire, 20-1 Invader, Mitie Access, Tipsy, 25-1 others.

5.15 DANNY WRIGHT HANDICAP (£4,370: 1m 3yd) (18)

1 (1) 1003 DELIRIOUS MOMENT 11 (D,G) P Webber 4-9-11 S Whitworth 48
2 (9) 5002 SHEER FACE 6 (D,F) W Muir 4-9-10 J Reid 88
3 (12) 5002 LUCKY ARCHER 18 (C,D,F,S) J Bradley 5-9-9 R Ffrench 88
4 (6) 0-03 SOCIETY KING 148 J Banks 3-9-5 G Faulkner (3) 53
5 *(18) 1536 HARMONY HALL 16J (BF,G) J Fanshawe 4-9-3* K Fallon 82
6 (7) 054 MUNAZA 42 R Armstrong 3-9-2 R Hills 53
7 (11) 3510 TASK FORCE 14 (D,F) S Woods 3-9-2 N Callan (5) 89
8 (5) 0005 ROI DE DANSE 14 (G) J Hills 3-8-13 A Clark 53
9 *(14) 0440 MOROCCO 13 (D,F,S) M Channon 3-8-12* A Eddery (5) 87
10 (16) 400 MARK TIME 16 M Tompkins 3-8-11 A Nicholls (5) 47
11 (8) 2000 GREAT MELODY 11 (V,D) D Cosgrove 3-8-11 J Lowe 72
12 (17) 2040 SIMPLY SUPER 14 (B,G) C Brittain 3-8-11 G Carter 62
13 *(13) 2133 SWINGING THE BLUES 13 (V,D,F) C Dwyer 4-8-10* M Henry 81
14 (2) 1300 ADMIRALS FLAME 40 (D,F,S) C Wall 7-8-9 G Hind 82
15 (15) 0500 ORIEL GIRL 188 (F,S) M Ryan 3-8-6 P McCabe 66
16 (3) 0500 SWIFT 13 (D,F,G) M Polglase 4-8-5 J Tate 89
17 (10) 0240 SHINING CLOUD 27 (F) M Bell 5-8-3 M Fenton [92]
18 (4) 5530 MISSILE TOE 47 (F) D Morris 5-7-10 G Bardwell 78

5-1 Sheer Face, 8-1 Delirious Moment, Lucky Archer, *Swinging The Blues*, 10-1 Harmony Hall, Munaza, Morocco, Admirals Flame, 14-1 others

Tamarisk bought by Coolmore

TAMARISK, impressive winner of the Stanley Leisure Sprint Cup at Haydock Park 11 days ago, has been bought from Highclere Thoroughbred Racing to join the Coolmore stallion team at the end of the season.

He will continue his three-year-old campaign in the United States, where he will be prepared for the Breeders' Cup Sprint by D Wayne Lukas, with his former trainer, Roger Charlton, remaining closely involved.

Harry Herbert, managing director of Highclere Thoroughbreds, said: "Tamarisk has only once raced around a bend and it is for this reason that he goes to the States to be trained over the next two months."

Tamarisk is an attractive proposition for the Coolmore Stud in that he is a grandson of Danzig, the sire of their stallions Danehill and Perugino. Tamarisk has won £191,028 in win and place prize-money.

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Commonwealth Games: Competitors display high degree of courage in oppressive conditions

Athletes wilt in the heat of battle

FROM ROB HUGHES

IN ANY tournament, anywhere in the world, we can ask no more than the men of England and Malaysia gave at a pulsating National Hockey Stadium last night. It was a hard, exhausting match that ended 2-2 only after the opponents had drawn on their limits of skill and will. Neither would yield, England because they had the better technique and organisation, Malaysia because they had the crowd, 12,000 strong but in such voice that it might have been five times that number, breathing hope into them.

At five ringgit a ticket — less than one pound — every man, woman and child who could get in would return today if they could. England will have to do so because the second greatest deficiency of such a demanding contest is that the luck of an uneven draw requires England to play again this evening, against the well-rested Pakistan.

This is bordering on inhumane scheduling. Those who saw the players, reddened under the 90-degree heat, dehydrated and clinging to water bottles to attempt the task of replacing four kilos per man weight loss, can just about sense what William Waugh, the England captain, meant when he said: "It was so humid out there that after ten minutes I was looking at the clock, feeling so tired I thought it must be near half-time."

Part-time hockey players know the consequences of pushing the body in extreme conditions. Some of them were in their rooms at the Commonwealth Games Village yesterday when Amay Khurasia, a young India batsman, collapsed while fielding against Australia.

It was a dramatic moment, a warning to all the 4,280 participants in the Games that the oppressive air here sucks the resistance out of people. Khurasia was in hospital after the match, on a saline drip. His temperature had soared to 103F and three separate explanations circulated: that he is a vegetarian who cannot match his dietary requirements here, that he underwent a dope test on Monday, and that his team knew he was dehydrated before the match.

He is in caring hands now, but the England hockey players are in for another grilling today. They do not take slow-dissolving salt tablets, as England footballers did during the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, but are advised to consume as many salty foods as possible. And to drink, drink, drink, though champagne — ultimately earned by the Olympic gold-medal squad in Seoul in 1988, of which Russell Garcia, of today's team, was a member — is as yet a mirage.

England must beat Pakistan to be sure of reaching the semi-finals on Saturday. The players and their coach, Barry Dancer, spent this morning studying a video of the Pakistanis, who will present a different technical and tactical battle to the Malaysians. Yet Malaysia, who came back spiritedly from a goal down to equalise, then lead, and finally to hang on dearly for the draw, also drew with Pakistan.

Paul Lissek, their coach, is German, committed and having a remarkable effect on Malaysia in the short term. Lissek, whose full-time job is managing Germany, has selected astonishingly young players, such as the 20-year-old goalkeeper, Roslan Jamaluddin, and the 17-year-old schoolboy, Logan Kavandan.

"I lost my voice out there today, but the point means all four in the group can qualify for the semi-finals," Lissek said. "I respect my players, but from now on they must play — and I mean *play*. They cannot be again like they were against England, like chickens afraid of the snake. England was the better team, I know that. As a German, to see England coming again so strong in world hockey, with a coach who knows everything tactical, that's nice for hockey."

There is no more modern or atmospheric arena in the sport than the National Stadium, though Lahore, with 85,000 partisans, is a different pressure-cooker. But yesterday, after Justin Pidcock, a chartered surveyor, had dived in where only the brave dare to put England ahead, Chairil Anwar equalised with an audacious set-piece, a low shot driven from an oblique angle. It seemed nothing but a flick of the wrist but it was enough to deceive Simon Mason, the England goalkeeper.

After half-time, Mason's agile block from a penalty corner could not prevent Nawawi swooping to put Malaysia ahead. But all Malaysia's resistance could not prevent Jon Wyatt, a management consultant, equalising from a penalty stroke.

If Wyatt and his men were professional football players, they would then have bemoaned the one-sided nature of the crowd, the inequity of the schedule and the overbearing odds of beating nature itself. But they did not. "Having such a crowd, whoever they are shouting for, is great for the game," Waugh said. "We'll take lots of fluids, lots of sleep, and be back as fresh as possible for Pakistan." It is called sportsmanship.

DAVID GRAY



Russell Tiffin, the umpire, summons assistance for Khurasia after his collapse yesterday

Nicol must overcome his power failure

SQUASH

PETER NICOL was the only player among five Britons to improve on a bronze medal from the singles competition yesterday, and he will need to reverse the trend of the past two years to turn his opportunity into gold today (Colin McQuillan writes).

Nicol, the left-handed Scot, faces Jonathon Power, of Canada, in the men's final. Nicol has failed to overcome Power on six occasions during his climb to the top of the world rankings. Power eased past Alex Gough, of Wales, 9-4, 9-2, 9-4 yesterday, while Nicol inflicted a 9-2, 9-3, 9-1 defeat on Paul Johnson, the England No 3, who was still suffering from the effort of removing the world champion, Rodney Eyles, from the quarter-finals.

The women's final today is an all-Australian affair after easy victories over English opponents in the semi-finals. Sarah Fitz-Gerald, the world champion, defeated Cassandra Jackman 9-2, 9-0, 9-2, and Michelle Martin overcame Sue Wright 9-7, 9-1, 9-2.

Backley to lead England's golden harvest

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

MARK RICHARDSON was talking yesterday about his prospects for winning the 400 metres here when he was asked whether the Commonwealth Games presented a tougher field in his event than had the European championships in Budapest last month.

"Yes," he said, before coming to the most relevant point. "Everybody is going to be tired, so there are bound to be a few surprises."

While Iwan Thomas may be the favourite on form this season — he has won the European and World Cup titles — the fatigue factor may tilt the balance towards Richardson. Thomas has had only one night to recover from flying through several time zones and a 14-hour journey from Johannesburg, where he took part in the World Cup at the weekend, before lining up in the heats today.

For many athletes, such as Thomas, the season has been long and hard. However, for two, the season is beginning at the end. In this, the last meaningful challenge of a hectic year, Ashia Hansen and Kelly Holmes will be looking to squeeze a little drop of satisfaction out of an empty season.

Today is the first day of the six-day athletics programme and, for all the gold medals that will be won by mainly English, but perhaps Scottish and Welsh athletes as well, none would be more delightful to see than if Holmes retained her 1,500 metres title. A four-inch scar on her left Achilles tendon is testimony to the injury that threatened her career.

After limping off the track in the opening round of the world championships in Athens last year, worse was to follow as surgery failed to do the trick. Still not running by April, she turned to the specialist who saved Liz McColgan's career and, in Glasgow last month, had her first international race in 12 months.

Holmes won, but in a modest time. "My expectations are always high but I have got to put it into perspective and, as long as I finish the championships in one piece, I will be happy," she said.

Hansen, having set an indoor triple jump world record in February, has missed almost the entire season with a bruised heel. "It would be fantastic to win the Commonwealth gold but the European championships were my goal for the year and it was difficult for me not being there," Hansen said.

The men's 400 metres, and especially the men's 100 metres, may be more competitive than in Budapest, but these are Games that will be dominated by British athletes, largely because of the weakness of the opposition, particularly in the technical disciplines. Of the

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46 gold medals, one third or so should be shared by England, Scotland and Wales, much of the success coming in the field events.

With Dougie Walker, the European 200 metres champion, injured, Scotland's hopes rest with Allison Curbishley, in the 400 metres. She can take advantage of the absence of Cathy Freeman, of Australia, and Sandie Richards, of Jamaica, the gold and silver medal-winners from the world championships last year.

In the absence of Colin Jackson, Thomas is Wales' best hope but England's potential winners are too numerous to mention. The greatest accolade, though, should be reserved for Steve Backley if, having won his third successive European javelin title last month, he can do the same in the Commonwealth Games, completing a double-treble.

While the 100 metres includes Ato Boldon, Frankie Fredericks and Obadele Thompson, leaving Darren Campbell, the European champion, needing to improve to win a medal, many events are embarrassingly weak. The challenge, for example, to succeed Sally Gunnell as 400 metres champion has been taken up by only six women.

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Commonwealth Games: Australia's triumphant swimmers continue to carry all before them

Thorpe has to dig deep to win epic encounter

FROM CRAIG LORD

THE "spy" from US Swimming who came to see Australia and their lethal weapon, Ian Thorpe, conquer the Commonwealth two years to the day before the Olympic Games open in Sydney, could have chosen no better night: the green and gold shoal went on a feeding frenzy, swallowing 11 out of a possible 13 medals, including all five titles.

England emerged with a little pride, thanks to bronze medals for Adam Whitehead in the 200 metres breaststroke and the men's 4 x 100 metres freestyle quartet of Gavin Meadows, Mark Stevens, Anthony Howard and Nicholas Shackell.

SWIMMING

But the night belonged to Thorpe and Australia. Thorpe, the 15-year-old boy wonder of these Games, led the way, his tussle with team-mate Grant Hackett, 18, producing one of the greatest 400 metres freestyle races ever. So splendid were their performances that the defeat of Olympic champion Danyon Loader, of New Zealand, seemed secondary as they joined compatriot Kieren Perkins as the only men to have swum inside 3min 45sec. Thorpe's 3min 44.35sec missed Perkins's world record by just 0.55sec, Hackett a touch behind in 3min 44.88sec.

Hackett took the race out hard in lane four, his every stroke tracked by Thorpe, in lane two, and team-mate Daniel Kowalski, in lane one. By halfway, the three were a body length ahead of the pack.

Thorpe and Hackett refused to drop the pace and the gap to Kowalski and the rest grew ever wider after the 200 metres mark. Down the fifth of eight lengths, Thorpe changed gear, his size 17 feet driving the wash from his thunderous kick fountain-like into the air, the propulsion producing a critical 0.4sec advantage over Hackett by the next turn — one which he did not relinquish. Kowalski finished third with Loader fourth.

Thorpe's progress is astounding, his potential a merchandiser's dream: Nike and Speedo Australia are already fighting over the rights to launch a "Thorpedo" range of products.

Australian efforts — including yesterday's victory by Petria Thomas in the 100 metres butterfly, which lowered Susan O'Neill's chances of winning a record seven gold medals to a record six — have produced a tally of 17 titles so far.

Ian Hanson, the "spy" from US Swimming, said: "We take his [Thorpe's] presence as a compliment. The US is the No 1 swimming nation. It's going to be a great battle in Sydney..."

Thorpe also played a role in the winning relay to take his gold medal haul to four, while Simon Cowley, Thorpe's Sydney team-mate, added the 200 metres breaststroke title to the one he won over 100 metres on Saturday.

Third behind Cowley was Whitehead. It was some consolation for the 18-year-old, who has put his A levels on hold to focus on swimming, because he had missed the 100 metres on Saturday after the referee withdrew him under the controversial "deliberate false start" rule. As a result, Whitehead was literally sick with worry before yesterday's heats.

He dived into the nearest toilet, only to find it was the Ladies. "This woman said 'no, no, no'. I said 'yes, yes, yes' and was sick," said Whitehead, who added that the comedy of the situation had helped to relieve the stresses of the day.



NIGEL EVANS

Morgan may have lacked financial backing but she will be favourite for the badminton singles title when the tournament begins today

Single-minded Morgan aims high

OF THE 4,280 athletes representing 70 nations in Kuala Lumpur, Kelly Morgan is not the most well-known. She is, however, the favourite to collect gold when the badminton singles competition gets under way today. Last April Morgan, 23, from Tonteg in Wales, became the first British singles player to reach a European final for eight years. Shy and softly spoken, she is still adjusting to being a front-runner.

So relentless has been the attention in Malaysia — it is the sport that is likely to yield most medal success for the hosts — that Morgan has decided not to give any more interviews. "It's a bit of a burden because of all the expectation," she said. "As a top player you have to get used to it and learn to enjoy it."

What she is revelling in most is the improvement in her world ranking — fifteenth before that European final, twelfth after it — and now, at No 10, she stands on the verge of achieving her single-figure ambition.

All the more remarkable since, four years ago, Morgan took her rackets abroad, such was the lack of funding in her homeland. Now settled near to the National Sports Centre for Wales in Cardiff, she has a National Lottery grant and access to training, coaching and sports science facilities.

"In 1994 the French badminton association paid for me to go out for a year to be a sparring player with their squad at the Olympic Centre in Paris," she said. "There wasn't really anything going on here, just occasional nights in sports centres, so I needed to go to see how much I could improve."

One year turned to two and a year in Denmark followed. "I was one of four foreigners and although the idea was for the French and Danish players to improve, we all did," she said. "Everything was so professional. Until then badminton was secondary to my school work. I suppose it was at that time that I decided I wanted to really go for it."

Some of Morgan's friends wondered how she would cope, moving to a foreign city.

SARAH POTTER



"I live in a rural village where everyone knows everyone else," she said. "I can remember the day I left because all my friends were nervous about going off to university. They thought I'd be scared about living in Paris, but actually I settled very quickly."

She was based on the capital's outskirts and took to city life with surprising ease. "Two of the other sparring players came from England and one from Sweden," she said. "We all loved it, Paris is just so amazing. We lived in a very quiet suburb but it was only half an hour from all the café life. It wasn't easy going back to my village after that."

Neither was it a straightforward decision to miss out on university. Morgan admits that badminton now takes precedence, but still plans to take a degree, in human movement or sports science, at Cardiff. "With the help of the Sports Council that's now possible," she said. "They liaise with the university to extend the course an extra year or two, so I'd get the time off to play in the major tournaments."

She is still without a sponsor — something that the household names in Denmark and France cannot understand — but has enough financial backing to play where she wants. "Lottery money has had a huge impact on badminton," she said. "I came back from Denmark because of that and although prize-money is nothing like it is in tennis, it is much better than it was. An amazing number of people play the sport but they wouldn't pay to watch it like rugby or football."

Nonetheless, at the highest level, it is fast and athletic. Morgan spent the summer training at the National Sports Centre and credits Chris Reece, the Wales coach, for much of her improvement. "My strength now is probably my speed around the court," she said, "but I want everything to get better and get more. You need speed and power and all the hard physical work is done during the summer. It's an all-year-round sport now, and after the Commonwealth Games the tournaments come think and fast."

The immediate ambition is to collect a medal but she admits to being excited already about the next Olympics. "I enjoyed everything about my first Games in Atlanta," she said. "The atmosphere was incredible. Sydney 2000 is a bit of a dream and, who knows, by then I might be really established in the top ten."

IN BRIEF

Nicholson keeps England in hunt

HOCKEY: England's women gave one of their worst performances of the competition, but two second-half goals by Mandy Nicholson put the team on top of their group after a 2-1 victory over Canada yesterday.

England squandered nine penalty corners in the first half and five after the interval, and although Sarah Forbes, the Canada goalkeeper, kept her team in the match, the England forwards rarely found the target.

Jane Sixsmith set up the opening goal in the 48th minute, delivering the pass for Nicholson to steer home. Canada equalised, against the run of play, from a penalty corner 11 minutes later, but four minutes from time, Nicholson broke through to stab home the winning goal.

Sue Gilmour scored the winning goal for Scotland in the 33rd minute to give her team an unimpressive 2-1 win against the host nation and Lynda Watkin, the captain, led the way by scoring the first goal as Wales registered their first victory, beating Namibia 3-0.

CRICKET: Steve Waugh scored 100 not out in an unbroken 171-run partnership with Tom Moody as Australia eased to a 145-run victory over India. Australia now meet New Zealand, who defeated Pakistan by 81 runs, in the second semi-final tomorrow. South Africa, who defeated Barbados by four wickets, face Sri Lanka today.

NETBALL: England took the first step towards qualifying for the semi-finals when they defeated Jamaica, their main rivals, for the first time since 1994, 52-51 in a thrilling pool match.

BADMINTON: Ong Ewe Hock, seeded to win the gold medal in the men's singles, is likely to withdraw after injuring his leg playing for Malaysia against India in the team event.

Swaziland surprise favourites

SWAZILAND, with fewer than 200 bowlers to choose from, performed a giant-killing act yesterday when Allan Thomas and Dave Thompson defeated the South African favourites for the pairs gold medal (David Rhys Jones writes).

Their success over Rudi Jacobs and Theuns Fraser went down well with the noisy contingent of Australians, who were already celebrating a fine victory for Brett Duprez and Mark Jacobsen over David Gourlay and Alex Marshall, of Scotland. Duprez and Jacobsen are now likely to qualify for the gold medal play-off in place of the South Africans.

BOWLS

The day also saw some surprising results in the singles. Margaret Johnston, of Northern Ireland, the defending champion, went down 25-14, to Anne Carrington-Cotton, of Zimbabwe, and John Price, of Wales, who defeated Willie Wood in his opening match, lost 25-14 to Keith Turton, from Norfolk Island. Paula Montgomery and Barbara Cameron, of Northern Ireland, scored a surprisingly emphatic 28-11 win over the England pair, Kath Hawes and Mary Price.

RESULTS FROM KUALA LUMPUR

SWIMMING: MEN: 400m Freestyle: Heat 1: 1, D Loader (NZ) 3min 52.88sec. 2, G Smith (Scot) 3 53 38, 3, M Mcnwa (Can) 4 00 05, 5, N Cameron (N Ire) 4:11 72; 6, S Rowe-Hagans (Guer) 4 14 91 **Heat 2:** 1, G Hackett (Aus) 3:52 36, 2, R Meething (SA) 3:52 96, 3, M Johnston (Can) 3:56 87 **Heat 3:** 1, I Thorpe (Aus) 3 55 20, 2, D Kowalski (Aus) 3 57 36, 3, J Salter (Eng) 3:59 83 **Final:** 1, Thorpe 3min 44 35sec, 2, Hackett 3.44 88, 3, Kowalski 3.48.91, 6, Smith 3 53 73, 8, Salter 4.00 83 **B Final:** 1, Mcwha 4 00 08, 8, Cameron 4 09 98 **4 x 100m Freestyle Heat 1:** 1, New Zealand 3mn 24 78sec, 2, Canada 3.26.39, 3, Wales 3.28.27, 5, Isle of Man 3:47 07 **Heat 2:** 1, Australia 3.21.17, 2, England 3.23 58, 3, Scotland 3 37 15, 5, Northern Ireland 3.45.28 **Finals:** 1, Australia 3.17 83, 2, Canada 3 21 27, 3, England 3:22 13, 5, Wales 3.28 09, 8, Scotland disqualified **200m breaststroke: Heat 1:** 1, W Hernaiber (Swaziland) 2:33 92; 2, M Horne (Namibia) 2:36 69, 3, J Tomlin (Guer) 2:39.79 **Heat 2:** 1, A Chan (Can) 2:18.22, 2, P Rogers (Aus) 2:18.84; 3, J Flint (Can) 2:20 01; 4, D Mew (Eng) 2.20 62, 5, J Lowes (Wales) 2:21 32; 6, A Bree (N Ire) 2:21 56 **Heat 3:** 1, S Cowley (Aus) 2 16 65, 2, I Edmond (Scot) 2 18 99; 3, M Boulianne (Can) 2 19 39, 4, R Maden (Eng) 2:21 39; 5, A Ayers (Wales) 2:21 83. **Heat 4:** 1, R Mitchell (Aus) 2:16.87; 2, A Whitehead (Eng) 2 17 05; 3, T Parkin (SA) 2 17 74, 6, M Watterson (N Ire) 2.24 01 **Final:** 1, Cowley 2 13 13, 2, Mitchell 2 13 20, 3, Whitehead 2 14 44 **B Final:** 1, Flint 2.18.50; 2, Boulianne 2.18.74, 3, Mew 2:20.06; 4, Maden 2.20 23, 5, Lewis 2.21 09, 6, Ayers 2:21 13, 7, Bree 2:21 45.

WOMEN: 800m Freestyle: Heat 1: 1, S Collings (Eng) 8min 46.52sec; 2, J Malar (Can) 8:52.26; 3, J Atkinson (Jam) 9:01 78 **Heat 2:** 1, R Harris (Aus) 8 48.42, 2, T Eberl (Can) 8:52.07; 3, E Pedrazani (Aus) 8:52.24. **100m Breaststroke: Heat 1:** 1, L Van Oosten (Can) 1min 10.68sec, 2, J Russell (SA) 1:10.75, 3, J King (Eng) 1 11 56, 4, H Watts (Guer) 1.14.83; 5, E Robinson (N Ire) 1 15 45. **Heat 2:** 1, H Denman (Aus) 1.10 13, 2, C Chuy (Can) 1 11 17; 3, L Hindmarsh (Eng) 1:13.10; 5, C Warren (Wales) 1 15.25 **Heat 3:** 1, S Riley (Aus) 1 10.53, 2, C Hilcraih (Aus) 1.11 40; 3, L Blackburn (Can) 1 11.88; 4, B Robertson (Scot) 1 14.80; 5, L Robineon (N Ire) 1.15 36 **Finals:** 1, Denman 1 08 71, 2, Riley 1 09 08, 3, Van Oosten 1.09 11, 8, King 1 12 41. **B Finals:** 1, L Eng Tay (Malaysia) 1.13.15; 2, Hindmarsh 1 13.25; 3, Robinson 1.13 99; 4, Watts 1:14 08; 5, Warren 1 14.86; 6, Robertson 1:14 92; 7, Robinson 1.15.32. **100m butterfly: Heat 1:** 1, M Bingham (Guer) 1 08.26; 2, M Gregorio (Mor) 1:08 85, 3, R Sullivan (Malta) 1:11 42 **Heat 2:** 1, K Cordiye (Aus) 1 01 91; 2, S Evaretz (Can) 1 02.24, 3, M Pedder (Eng) 1:03 08, 6, S Rook (Wales) 1.04.35, 7, E Cockel-Nixon (IoM) 1 08.42. **Heat 3:** 1, S O'Neill (Aus) 1 00 87; 2, R Du Plessis (SA) 1 02 01, 3, C Foot (Eng) 1:02.74; 8, L Cardwell (N Ire) 1 05.53 **Heat 4:** 1, P Thomas (Aus) 1 01 38, 2, S Allbourie (Can) 1:02.15, 3, J Deglau (Can) 1 02.35; 5, G Lee (Eng) 1 03.49; 6, K Martin (Scot) 1:05 00 **Final:** 1, Thomas 59 42; 2, O'Neill 59 81; 3, Godfrey 1 00.14; 7, Foot 1:02.39 **B Finals:** 1, Pedder 1 02.46; 2, S Cooper (Tim) 1 03.21, 3, M Papadopoulou (Cyp) 1 03.31; 5, Lee 1:03.85; 6, Martin 1 04 35, 8, Cardwell 1 05 79

SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING: Duet free routine final: 1, J Tallon and K Kuleea (Can) 93.824pts, 2, N Young and I Olevsky (Aus) 91.077; 3, K Hooper and A Carlsen (Eng) 87.130.

BOWLS: Selected Results: Men's: Singles: Section A: T Allcock (Eng) bt J Henry (N Ire) 25-21, R Garden (Zim) bt D Marquand (Jer) 25-22, S Glasgow (Aus) bt N Meikle (Guer) 25-12 Section B: K Turton (Norfolk Islands) bt J Price (Wales) 25-19, W Wood (Scot) bt A Kayeca (Zam) 25-12 Fours. Section A: England (B Morley, G Burgess, J Berland A Thomson) bt Botswana 23-18, Scotland (K Logan, J McIntyre, J Allison and G Adrain) bt Papua New Guinea 20-18. Section B: Wales (N Rees, I Slade, M Anstey and D Watkins) bt Malaysia 31-18, Northern Ireland (M McHugh, I McClure, N Booth and G McSurnee) bt Guernsey (I Mernen, D Baglin, P Ingrovile and D Shaw) 20-17

WOMEN: Singles: Section A: J Forrest (Scot) bt V Bal (FNG) 25-15, A Cannington (Zim) bt M Johnston (N Ire) 25-14; L Hartwell (SA) bt K A Harmon (Jer) 25-24 Section B: J Weston (Wales) bt L Lelaa (Western Samoa) 25-7; J Baker (Eng) bt B Ainsworth (Namibia) 25-24 **Pairs: Section A:** M Lenham and J Lindores (Scot) bt S Ali and B Mis (Malaysia) 34-14; P Montgomery and B Cameron (N Ire) drew with B Mali and H Lulpa (Zam) 21-21, K Hawes and M Price (Eng) bt E Trebon and A Merrion (Guer) 22-13; A Sutherland and R Jones (Wales) bt S Kanuku and B Bebio (Ken) 17-12; J Payne and M Castle (NZ) bt P Turton and E Sanchez (Norfolk Islands) 28-16 **Section B:** J Jones and S Syrett (Jer) bt J Reeve and K McGrawe (Swaziland) 22-17.

BOXING: Quarter-finals: Flyweight (51kg): P Mayeba (SA) bt A Amadu (Gha) 18-15; L Cunningham (N Ire) bt J Hegney (Eng) 20-12; J Aciku (Uga) bt B Matsngura (Zim) 19-14; R Suhee (Mauritius) bt R Ahmad (Malaysia) 14-14 (countback) **Bantamweight (54kg):** M Yombe (Tan) bt C Musanda (Zim) 27-6; A Yusoh (Malaysia) bt S Mabuza (SA) 16-14, H Ngoudjo (Cam) bt T Abdu (Ug) 14-13, A Kooner (Can) bt J Velio (Nam) 20-9 **Featherweight (57kg):** M O'Donnel (Can) bt M Alexander (Barb) 6-4; L Ipera (PNG) bt S Nongopay (SA) KO 1st; J Swan (Aus) bt J Lowry (N Ire) 18-9, A Alex (Scot) bt K Adam (Uga) 14-11. **Light Heavyweight (81kg):** C Fry (Eng) bt P Lalau (Samoa) 15-6; S Odindo (Ken) bt S Donaldson (Wales) 15-9, C Adamu (Ghana) bt S Cox (Barb) 9-5; T Amos (Can) bt G Singh (India) 11-7

CRICKET: Group B: Australia 255-5 (50 overs, S Waugh 100 not out, T Moody 76 not out); India 110 (37.4 overs, B Young 4-23). Australia beat India by 145 runs.

Group C: Barbados 254-6 (50 overs; P Wallace 74); South Africa 257-6 (48.2 overs, J Kallic 71). South Africa beat Barbados by four wickets. Northern Ireland 177 (49.5 overs, K McCallan 53 not out), Bangladesh 85 (21 overs, D Cooke 5-35). Northern Ireland beat Bangladesh by 114 runs.

Group D: New Zealand 215-8 (50 overs; S Fleming 68; S Akhtar 4-47), Pakistan 134 (42.5 overs) New Zealand beat Pakistan by 81 runs. Scotland 156-8 (50 overs, M Odumbo 5-38), Kenya 157-5 (37.3 overs; R Shah 48) Kenya bt Scotland by five wickets.

CYCLING: Men: 42km time trial: 1, E Wohlberg (Can) 53mn 15sec. 2, S O'Grady (Aus) 53.30, 3, D George (SA) 53.56, 8, S Dangerfield (Eng) 54 13; 7, C Newton (Eng) 54.16, 11, J Gledhill (Scot) 55.27, 12, D McComm (N Ire) 55.52; 17, M Powell (Wales) 57.02; 19, R Holden (IoM) 57 30; 22, R Moore (Scot) 58.30, 26, S Hamilton (N Ire) 59 56, 28, J Boone (N Ire) 1.01 06. **Women: 28km individual time trials:** 1, A Wilson (Aus) 37min 34sec; 2, L Jackson (Can) 38.34; 3 K Weir (Aus) 39.39, 4, Y McGregor (Eng) 39 45; 5, M Hughes (Wales) 39 46; 9, M Lawrence (Eng) 40.48; 10, L Jones (Wales) 41 58, 11, C Greenwood (Wales) 42.39; 12, C Gillilan (Eng) 42.41; 15, Z Anderson (Scot) 43 43

HOCKEY: Men: Pool A: Australia 2 New Zealand 0. **Pool B:** England 2 Malaysia 2, Canada 6 Kenya 0 **Women: Pool A:** Trinidad and Tobago 2 Jamaica 0; Scotland 2 Malaysia 1 **Pool B:** Wales 3 Namibia 0; England 2 Canada 1

NETBALL: Pool A: Barbados 58 Malaysia 30; Australia 85 Canada 25; England 52 Jamaica 51. **Pool B:** Malawi 77 Sri Lanka 24, South Africa 68 Wales 27, New Zealand 91 Cook Is 28.

SHOOTING: Men: Skeet pairs: 1, C Searle and A Nicolaides (Can) 188pts; 2, A Asram and D Harvey (Eng) 187, 3, D McCutcheon and J Trinci (Can) 186; 5, N Kelly and G Catlin (IoM) 183; 6, I Marsden and M Thomson (Scot) 181; 8, D Davies and M Allen (Wales) 178 **Pairs: centre fire pistol:** 1, J Reina and A Pandit (India) 1,154pts; 2, J Rochon and M Igorov (Can) 1,150; 3, B Quick and M Giustirano (Aus) 1,149; 4, P Floppant and P Clark (Eng) 1,141, 9, S Crait and S Pengelly (Wales) 7,112 **Women: Pairs: sport rifle three positions:** 1, C Acraft and S Bowes (Can) 1,139pts; 2, V Martin and D Polgeter (SA) 1,115, 3, S McIntosh and J Thomson (Scot) 1,112; 8, L Bryce and K Morton (Eng) 1,100 **Pairs air pistol:** 1, A Forder and C Treby (Aus) 749pts; 2, T Comgon and J Lees (NZ) 747; 3, K Abdul Jalal and S Ohmman (Malaysia) 743; 4, C Page and H Preston (Eng) 740

SQUASH: Men: Semi-finals: J Power (Can) bt A Gough (Wales) 9-4, 9-2, 9-4; P Nicol (Scot) bt P Johnson (Eng) 9-2, 8-3, 9-1. **Women: Semi-finals:** S Fitz-Gerald (Aus) bt C Jackman (Eng) 9-2, 9-0, 9-2; M Martin (Aus) bt S Wright (Eng) 9-7, 9-1, 9-2.

TENPIN BOWLING: Men: Singles: Selected qualifiers: 1, K Ang (Malaysia) 2,305 pins, 2, W Rowe (Can) 2277, 3, F Ryan (Aus) 2244; 4, R Hood (Eng) 2231; 8, W Greenall (Eng) 2158, . **Women: Singles qualifiers:** 1, C Hon-eychurch (Aus) 2559; 2, J Arminger (Can) 2378, 3, L K Ngoh (Malaysia) 2373; 6, G Burdon (Eng) 2133, 7, P Buck (Eng) 2086, 10, C Pine (Scot) 2048, 14 L Rhoney (Scot) 1921.

SCHEDULE

TODAY

SWIMMING: 1.00am: Women's 200m individual medley heats. men's 200m butterfly heats: men's 100m backstroke heats; women's 4 x 100m medley relay heats, men's 50m freestyle heats; women's 1,500m freestyle heats: men's 1,500m freestyle heats **10.32am:** Women's 200m individual heats **12.32am:** Men's 200m butterfly final, medley final; men's 200m butterfly final; women's 800m final; men's 50m freestyle final, men's 100m backstroke freestyle final, men's 100m backstroke finals; women's 4 x 100m medley relay final.

ATHLETICS: 12.0am: Women's 100m hurdles (heptathlon), women's 100m heats; men's 100m heats, women's high jump (heptathlon), women's 400m heats, men's (heptathlon), women's shot (heptathlon), women's 400m heats. **9.30am:** Women's shot (heptathlon), women's 100m quarter-finals; men's 100m quarter-finals, women's hammer final, women's 400m quarter-finals; men's 400m quarter-finals, women's 200m heptathlon, men's 10,000m final.

BADMINTON: 1.0am, 6.0am and 10.0am: Singles and doubles preliminaries.

BOWLS: 12.30am, 5.30am and 11.30am: Men's and women's fours, pairs and singles

BOXING: 6.0am and 10.30am: Quarter-finals

CRICKET: 2am: Semi-final: Sri Lanka v South Africa.

GYMNASTICS: 7.0am: Men's individual apparatus finals. **10.30am:** Women's individual apparatus finals.

HOCKEY: Men: 10.05am: Trinidad and Tobago v India. 11.35am: Wales v South Africa. **12.35pm** Pakistan v England. **Women: ca 12.35pm** New Zealand v Canada. **10.05am:** Australia v India. **12.35pm:** South Africa v Namibia. **12.35pm:** England v Wales.

NETBALL: Pool A: 1.0am: Jamaica v Malaysia. **4.30am:** England v Canada. **8.0am:** Australia v Barbados. **Pool B: 2.45am:** Cook Islands v Sri Lanka. **6.15am:** New Zealand v Wales. **9.45am:** South Africa v Malawi.

SHOOTING: 1.0am: Men's air pistol, men's smallbore free rifle (three positions) **2.0am:** Individual open fullbore rifle

SQUASH: 10.0am: Women's singles final **11.0am:** Men's singles final.

TENPIN BOWLING: 1.0am: Men's singles finals. **7.0am:** Women's singles finals.

WEIGHTLIFTING: 5.0am: 56kg category final **8.0am:** 62kg category final

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TOMORROW

SWIMMING: 1.0am: Men's 200m individual medley heats, women's 200m butterfly heats, women's 200m backstroke heats; men's 4 x 100m medley relay heats, women's 50m freestyle heats **10.32am:** Men's 200m individual medley final; women's 200m butterfly final; women's 50m freestyle final; men's 1500m freestyle final, women's 200m backstroke final; men's 4x100m medley relay final.

ATHLETICS: 11.0pm Men's 20km walk final, women's long jump (heptathlon), men's 100m (decathlon), women's 400m heats; men's 400m hurdles semi-finals. men's 400m hurdles heats, men's long jump (decathlon), women's 800m heats, men's 800m heats, men's 800m heats, women's (decathlon), women's javelin (heptathlon), women's, 100m semi-finals, men's 100m semi-finals, men's 3000m steeplechase final, men's high jump (decathlon), women's 400m semi-finals; men's discus final; men's 400m semi-finals; women's 5000m final; women's 800m (heptathlon), men's 400m (decathlon)

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BOXING: 6.0am and **10.30am:** Quarter-finals

CRICKET: 2.0am: Semi-final. Australia v New Zealand

CYCLING: 1.0am: Men's and women's sprint qualifying, men's individual pursuit qualifying. **9.0am:** Men's and women's individual pursuit semi-finals, men's 20km scratch race final

HOCKEY: Men: 8.05am: Canada v Malaysia. **10.05am:** Australia v Wales. **11.35am:** India v New Zealand. **12.35pm:** South Africa v Trinidad and Tobago **Women: 8.05am:** Australia v Trinidad and Tobago **10.05am:** Jamaica v Malaysia. **12.35pm:** Scotland v India, South Africa v New Zealand.

NETBALL: Pool A: 2.45am: England v Malaysia. **6.15am:** Australia v Jamaica. **9.45am:** Barbados v Canada. **Pool B: 1.0am:** New Zealand v Sri Lanka. **4.30am:** South Africa v Cook Islands. **8.0am:** Malawi v Wales.

SHOOTING: 1.0am: Individual men's air rifle, women's sport pistol; women's smallbore sport rifle prone, men's trap (first 75 targets), open fullbore rifle Stage 2; men's free pistol, men's air rifle; women's sport pistol, men's free pistol.

SQUASH: 1.0am: Men, women and mixed doubles first and second rounds (pool)

WEIGHTLIFTING: 5.0am: 69kg category final **8.0am:** 77kg category final

TV: BBC1: 1100, 1330, 0145. **BBC2:** 0900, 1500, 1825.

All times are GMT

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This is another hand which illustrates good slam bidding technique

Dealer East		East-West game
♠AKJ1042 ♥Q3 ♦A ♣K983	N W E S	♠53 ♥A86 ♦J64 ♣AQJ75
West - S (1) D (3) NT (5) Pass		East 1C 3C (2) 4H (4) 7C (6)

(1) The single jump is a game force, establishing a sequence in which neither partner can pass below game. But note that just to be able to guarantee game is not sufficient reason to force. You should be at least a king better than a minimum opening bid. In addition, you should not force on two-suited hands unless your partner has opened in one of the suits, because those hands need plenty of bidding space to develop. However, on this hand Two Spades is much the best start to the auction.

(2) Well judged. If West had responded One Spade, East's rebid would have been One No-Trump to show the balanced nature of his hand. But in a slam auction it is important to stress suit quality: AQJxx opposite the king is a very sound suit for slam purposes. Replace East's queen-jack of clubs with small ones and give him the queen of diamonds and jack of hearts, and it would be correct to rebid Two No-Trumps.

(3) If West had forced on a strong spade suit without club support he would have bid Three Spades at this point. Hence Four Diamonds agrees clubs and shows diamond control. West cannot bid Four No-Trumps directly over Three Clubs because East might have two or three little hearts.

(4) Cue-bid, showing first- or second-round control of hearts.

(5) The Grand Slam Force. When a player bids Five No-Trumps without going through Four No-Trumps first, it asks his partner to bid Seven of the agreed trump suit if he has two of the top three honours. Here, if West bids Four No-Trumps and receives a Five Heart response he will not be able to check on the strength of East's clubs (though it would not be unreasonable to expect a re-biddable suit headed by the ace to be solid opposite Kxxx).

(6) Dutifully obeying his partner. If his heart cue-bid had been only second-round control, he would sign off in Six Clubs at this point. He knows that West expects him to have the ace of hearts - if all West needed to make a grand slam was the ace-queen of clubs, he would have bid Five No-Trumps over Three Clubs.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

British success

Grandmaster Jon Speelman achieved a fine result when he tied for first place in the Roskilde International in Denmark. Speelman shared first place with Swedish grandmaster Jonny Hector on 7.5/9, a point ahead of Luke McShane. Leading scores were as follows: Speelman and Hector 7.5/9; McShane, Sveshnikov and Bergstrom 6.5/9.

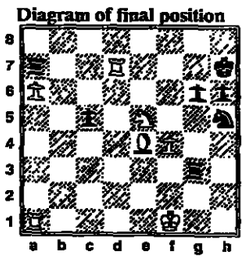
The following game was crucial to Speelman's success. White's fine strategic performance is capped by a flurry of tactics which leads to a win of material in the endgame.

White: Jonathan Speelman
Black: Evgeny Sveshnikov
Roskilde, Denmark 1998

Queens Gambit Declined

1	c4	e6
2	Nf3	d5
3	d4	Nf6
4	Nc3	c6
5	e3	Nbd7
6	Qc2	Bd6
7	Be2	0-0
8	0-0	Re8
9	Rd1	Qe7
10	h3	h6
11	b3	dxc4
12	bxc4	e5
13	a4	exd4
14	exd4	Nf8
15	a5	Ng6
16	Bd3	Nf4
17	c5	Bc7
18	Bxf4	Bxf4
19	a6	b5
20	cxb6	axb6
21	Ne2	Qc7
22	Nxf4	Qxf4
23	Ne5	c5
24	g3	Qg5
25	h4	Qh5
26	Be2	Qf5
27	Qxf5	Bxf5
28	Bb5	Re6
29	Bc6	Ra7
30	dxc5	bxc5
31	Rd8+	Kh7
32	f4	Be4
33	Bb5	Rb6
34	Bc4	Rb2
35	Bxf7	Rg2+
36	Kf1	Rxg3
37	h5	Nxh5
38	Bg8+	Kh8
39	Bd5+	Kh7
40	Bxe4+	g6
41	Rd7+	Black

Diagram of final position



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BALLONE
a. A dance step
b. A swank
c. Pork salami

EEL-POUT
a. A fish
b. A grimace
c. Edible seaweed

AURANTIA
a. The Roman harvest goddess
b. Yellow dye
c. A system of usury

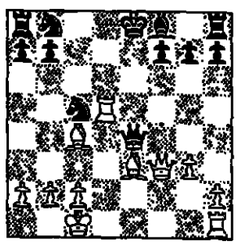
GINZO
a. An ape
b. Herbal drink
c. An Italian

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WINNING MOVE

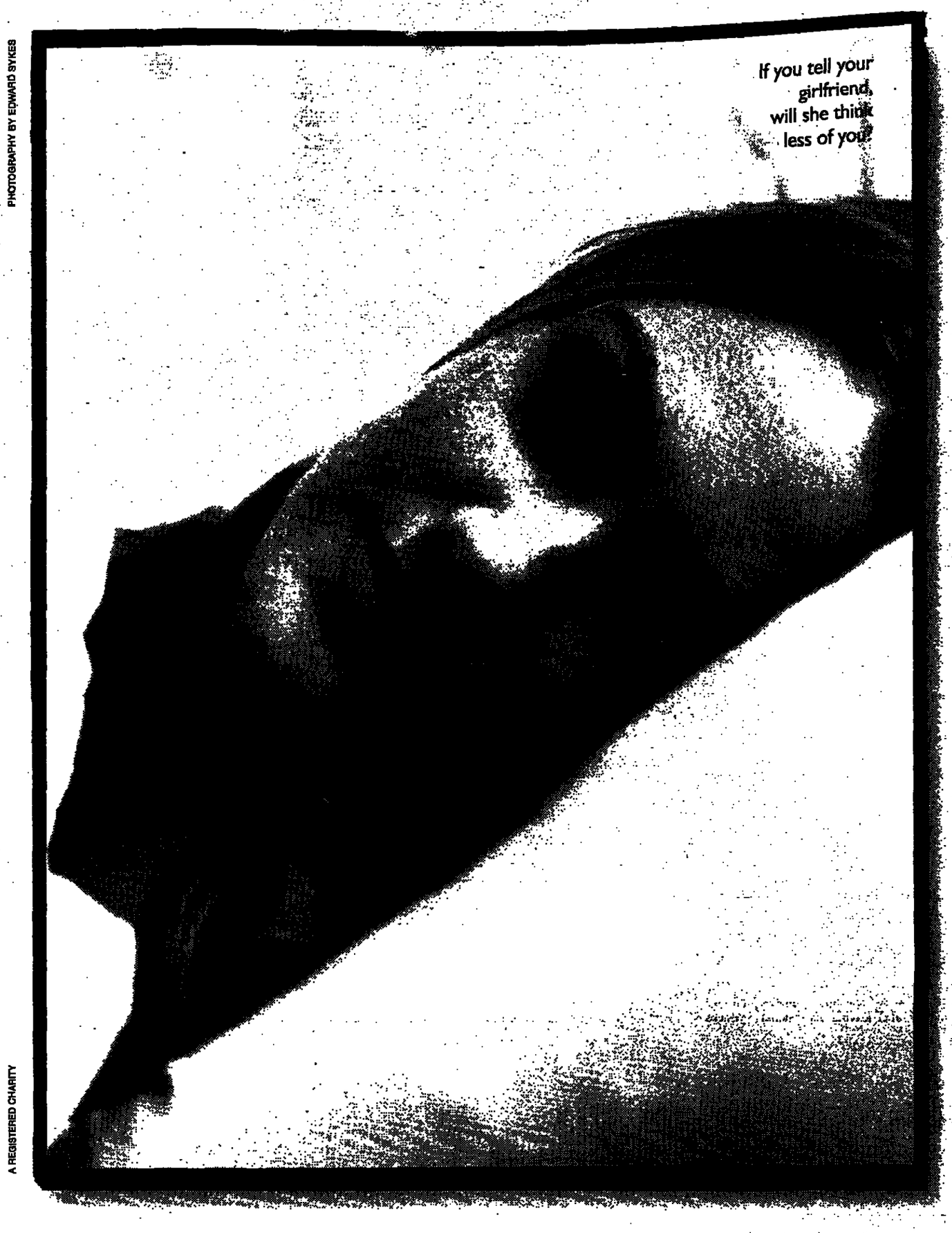
By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Spielmann - Flamberg, Mannheim 1914. Although Black is a piece ahead, he is horribly under-developed and his king and queen are very exposed. How did White quickly exploit his chances?



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RUGBY UNION

Wales pin hopes on Harris and Sullivan

By Mark Souster

WALES are making an ambitious and audacious attempt to persuade two of rugby league's most high-profile players to switch codes ahead of the World Cup next year. Iestyn Harris, of Leeds Rhinos, and Andrew Sullivan, the St Helens wing, are understood to be considering offers of 12-month contracts that could see them join either Cardiff or Neath. They would be eligible for the Six Nations tournament next year, Wales' tour of Argentina and the World Cup itself, before then returning north.

Both players, plus Shane Howarth, the former New Zealand international who qualifies for Wales, met Graham Henry, the Wales coach, and Terry Cobner, the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) director of rugby, in Manchester last Friday. It is part of a bold initiative by Henry, who is expected to appoint David Pickering as team manager shortly, to bolster his squad.

Harris, 22, and Sullivan, 27, both indicated their desire to represent Wales in the World Cup; whether they actually do, will depend on the outcome of negotiations over compensation: Harris has a lucrative long-term contract at Leeds and his financial demands might prove a stumbling block.

Although Cardiff are in dispute with the WRU and pulled out of the Welsh domestic league, Cobner is due to meet the club to see whether an agreement can be reached that would involve cost-sharing. If not, then either one or both players could be placed with Neath, which is controlled by the union after going into administration.

Kevin Bowring, Henry's predecessor, has been appointed coach at Newbury, four months after leaving his Welsh post by "mutual consent". He has agreed a temporary four-month contract with the Jewson League first division club with his position open to review at Christmas. He replaces Keith Richardson, who left at the start of the season to rejoin Gloucester as forwards coach.

Discussions on the feasibility of establishing a British and Irish league next season, begins next Tuesday when three representatives from each of the four home unions, including one representing either clubs, districts or provinces, meet in Manchester. It is hoped to have recommendations in place by the end of October. The working party was set up after a meeting on Monday between Duncan Paterson, Brian Baister and Glanmor Griffiths, respectively the chairmen of the Scottish, English and Welsh rugby unions, and Noel Murphy, the Ireland president.

One issue to be addressed is how such a tournament would fit into an already congested season that would also include a European competition. The European Cup starts on Saturday with English participation and, as yet, without a sponsor. Negotiations are continuing between European Rugby Cup, the organisers, Heineken, the sponsor, and one other party.

South Africa are to experiment with the use of a television referee to assist match officials. Starting this weekend, a fourth official will operate at ten televised under-21 matches over the next six weeks. If the scheme is successful it could be introduced to the Super 12 competition next year. Freek Burger, the manager of referees for the South African Rugby Football Union, said that during the pilot phase the main focus would be on in-goal area decisions.

☐ Japan defeated Argentina for the first time in an international yesterday, winning 44-29 in Tokyo. The game was part of Japan's build-up for the Asian regional qualifying competition next month for the World Cup.



GIL ALLEN

Chris Wilkinson serves during his straight-sets defeat by Jan Kroslak in the Samsung Open in Bournemouth yesterday, a day that was very much in keeping with the traditions of British tennis (Alix Ramsay writes). Play was delayed for two hours by rain and, once the sun appeared, the homegrown players sank without trace.

Lacking the star attractions of Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski, the crowd were attempting to get to grips with such names as Marco Meneschincheri, while at the same time Wilkinson and Miles Maclagan were trying to do the same with Kroslak and Todd Larkham respectively, with little success.

Maclagan's promotion to the dizzy heights of No 4 in the Davis Cup team could not save him against Larkham and, in a mere 60 minutes, he was dismissed 6-1, 6-1. Wilkinson did not seem unduly concerned over his 6-4, 7-5 defeat by Kroslak. Clay is not Wilkinson's favourite surface even though, at 28, he is still working at it. But facing 13 stone and 6ft 2in of Slovakian muscle, the slender Wilkinson could not make much headway, despite holding a couple of points for the second set. "If I could have had one decent shot on one of those points, I could have taken the set," he said. "That is about the best I can play on clay."

No matter, he is looking forward to a bit of high-quality practice with Messrs Henman and Rusedski in Nottingham next week and from there it is back to the hurly-burly of the challenger circuit before the national championships in Telford, where Wilkinson will be the No 1 seed in the absence of the top two.

Henman makes smooth progress

TIM HENMAN cruised through his first-round match of the President's Cup in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, yesterday when he defeated Nir Welgreen, of Israel, in straight sets. The new British No 1, attempting to win the event for the second consecutive year, crushed Welgreen 6-1, 6-4.

Marc Rosset, of Switzerland, who was runner-up to Henman last year, also advanced to the second round, but had to battle to a 7-6, 7-5 success over Tuomas Ketola, of Finland.

Henman said: "Sometimes the first round isn't the easiest match, but I was pretty happy with the way I played. I served well and playing on a quick court like they've got here, that's very important.

"There can be a bit of added pressure coming back to defend a title, but this tournament brings back good memories and I feel very confident.

"There's some good opposition here, though. I think the tournament is stronger than last year with the likes of Kafelnikov, Pioline and Rosset playing, so it's not going to be easy."

Henman regained the British No 1 position on Monday when the new ATP world rankings were published. He climbed to eleventh place, whereas Greg Rusedski slipped to No 15.

But Henman shrugged off the perceived rivalry between the nation's top two players as he told BBC Radio 5 Live: "It's not really a big issue between Greg and myself, it's more of a focal point with other people.

"It's an added bonus to be No 1 again. But Greg is a very good player so if I'm ranked above him I must be doing something right."

CRICKET

Ormrod is dismissed for lack of success

By Richard Hobson

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE have reacted to another season of considerable underachievement by sacking Alan Ormrod, the cricket manager, after five years at the club. They have won just eight of 50 Britannic Assurance county championship matches since Ormrod was promoted from senior coach in 1996.

Stuart Foster, the cricket committee chairman, said: "For a club of this stature and ambition, the results have not been good enough. We all had high expectations this season but, if anything, we have probably drifted backwards." Nottinghamshire have long coveted the return of Clive Rice, who captained them to two championship titles in the Eighties, but will struggle to prise him away from commitments in South Africa. Mike Gatting, keen to enter coaching next season, is a more plausible target.

Northamptonshire have revealed that the final decision to play against Sussex last week on a pitch subsequently deemed unfit was taken by John Emburey, the chief coach. An England and Wales Cricket Board panel ordered a 25-point deduction after concluding that the surface "displayed uneven bounce and turned excessively".

Steve Coverdale, the Northamptonshire chief executive, said: "He [Emburey] made an honest and proper decision that, of those available, it was the pitch of the best standard for that game. The panel accepted that there was no intention whatsoever to produce a sub-standard surface."

The county, having released Richard Montgomerie, Tim Walton, Scott Boswell and Andrew Dobson, enjoyed better news last night when Mal Loye was voted the Professional Cricketers' Association player of the year ahead of Angus Fraser, Graeme Hick and Courtney Walsh. Andrew Flintoff, of Lancashire, won the young-player-of-the-year award, while Ray Julian was named umpire of the season and Dickie Bird received a special award for lifetime service.

Derbyshire have re-engaged Michael Slater, the Australia batsman, as overseas player next season.

IN BRIEF

Rugby club punished for breach of rules

■ **RUGBY UNION:** Dundee High, the Scottish second division side, have had four points deducted for fielding an ineligible player in their first two Tennent's Velvet Premiership matches of the season. The Scottish Rugby Union's championship committee imposed the penalty after hearing that the scrum-half Andrew Imrie had played in Dundee's win over Kelso and in their defeat by Aberdeen Grammar while still registered with Kirkcaldy.

Hawick, however, have been ordered to replay their match against Stirling County after being found guilty of a similar offence.

☐ Kevin Bowring, the former Wales coach, has landed a part-time coaching job with Newbury.

■ **CYCLING: José Maria Jiménez, of Spain, won yesterday's toughest mountain stage of his country's national tour from Vic to Andorra. He went clear from Fernando Escartin to win the 199 kilometre stage by 16 seconds. Earlier in the tour, Jimenez won the sixth stage. Abraham Olano, of Spain, the world road champion in 1995, retained the race leader's yellow jersey from Laurent Jalabert, of France.**

■ **FOOTBALL:** Bruce Grobbelaar, the former Liverpool goalkeeper, has been appointed caretaker coach of Zimbabwe for a crucial regional cup-tie against Zambia on September 27.

The Harare clash will determine who tops the 400,000-dollar Castle Cup Southern Africa championship standings with Zimbabwe needing a draw while holders Zambia must win.

Grobbelaar, cleared of match-fixing charges in England last year, replaces Roy Barreto.

■ **GOLF: Jean Charles Cambon, of France, and Colin Brooks, of Scotland, of the Port Royal Golf Range near Edinburgh Airport, led the field by a single stroke after both carded five-under-par 66s in the first round of the PGA European Tour Pre-Qualifying event at the Wynyard Club in Northumberland.**

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE: San Francisco 45 Washington 10

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore 1 Texas 0, Cleveland 6 Toronto 3, Chicago White Sox 17 Detroit 16 (12inns); Anaheim 4 Tampa Bay 2; NY Yankees 3 Boston 0; Kansas City 16 Oakland 6; Seattle 10 Minnesota 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Milwaukee 2 Cincinnati 1; Montreal 4 Florida 2; Atlanta 4 Philadelphia 2; New York Mets 7 Houston 4 (13inns); St Louis 7 Pittsburgh 3, Arizona 14 San Francisco 2; Los Angeles 4 Colorado 1; San Diego 4 Chicago Cubs 3.

BOWLS

LEICESTERSHIRE: Teacher's Whiskey All-England mixed fours championship: Quarter-finals: Norfolk (D Ward) bt Surrey (B Brennan) 25-6; Kent (J Pawling) bt Somerset (D Fowkes) 23-16, Worcestershire (A Sparkes) bt Sussex (T Hayward) 25-16, Essex (J Tully) bt Lincolnshire (W Jackson) 26-21.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Leicester (first day of three): Leicestershire 272 (S Adshead 85, J M Dakin 55), Lancashire 26-0

CYCLING

PAL, ANDORRA: Tour of Spain: Stage 10 (120 miles, Vic to Pal): 1, J Mana Jimenez (Sp, Banesto) 5hr 22min 39sec, 2, F Escartin (Sp, Kelme-Costa Blanca) at 16sec; 3, R Horas (Sp, Kelme-Costa Blanca), 1.28; 4, O Camenzind (Switz, Mapei), 1.31, 5, D Clavero (Sp, Vitalicio Seguros); 6, G Simoni (It, Cantina Tollo-Alex); 7, L Jalabert (Fr, ONCE-Deutsche Bank); 8, M Beltran (Sp, Banesto), 9, J Castelblanco (Col, Avianca-Telecom); 10, A Zuclle (Switz, Festina) all at same time. Leading Overall standings: 1, A Olano (Sp, Banesto) 42hr 56min 58sec, 2, Jalabert at 41sec; 3, Escartin at 1min 10sec, 4, Jimenez 1:36; 5, A Gaidleano (Sp, Euskatel-Euskadi) 2:06; 6, L Armstrong (US, US Postal Service) 2:16; 7, D Clavero (Sp, Vitalicio Seguros) 2:20; 8, Zuelle 2:25, 9, Horas 2:43; 10, Camenzind 2:44

FOOTBALL

Football Conference

STEVENAGE Pearson 67	(0)	1	YEOVIL Palmore 65	(0) 1

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UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley 2 Stalybridge 2; Hyde 1 Gainsborough 2

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Worcester 2 Burton 0.

RYMAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Dagenham and Redgrave 5 Carshalton 0; Purfleet 1 St Albans 0.

FORTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Derby 0 Sunderland 2; Stoke 1 Preston 2. Second division: Newcastle 2 Wrexham 0

MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division north: Rulslip Manor 1 Beaconsfield Sycob 1.

ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle Blue Star 1 Tow Law 5.

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Keynsham 0 Paulton 1.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea 2 Colchester 1

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Berkshire County Championships: Long Range Open: 1, R Moncur (Old Wellingtonians) 92-4, 2, R Vory (Barks RC) 90-8, 3, J Harbesil (O Brodtickians) 90-4. Long Range Closed: 1, Vary 90-6, 2, Hartwell 90-4, 3, L Winkworth (Wellington College) 88-4. Berkshire Overall Championship: Long and Short Range: Open: 1, Vary 234-25, 2, Hartwell 224-21, 3, C Dickenson (Berks RC) 222-22. Closed: 1, Vary 234-24, 2, Dickenson 222-22; 3, M Fugeman (Windsor RC) 221-22. Kennington Cup (800 and 1,000 yards): 1, D Pollard (LMRA) 141-11, 2, Baker 134-7; 3, Roolf 128. International Long Range Team Match (Bisley) 1, National Rifle Association 1,396-101 (S Rennie 145-10), 2, Europe 1,299-60; P Ginestet 140-06

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Belle Vue 48 Wolverhampton 42

PREMIER LEAGUE: Glasgow 52 Hull 39; Reading 53 Newport 37, Exeter 57 Stoke 33

BRITISH DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE: Glasgow 15 Berwick 21.

TENNIS

BOURNEMOUTH: Samsung Open men's tournament: First round: A Lopez-Moron (Sp) bt F Vicente (Sp) 7-5, 6-1, M-K Goellner (Ger) bt M Meneschincheri (It) 6-3, 6-2, F Mantilla (Sp) bt F Browne (Arg) 6-4, 6-2, J Kroslak (Slovakia) bt C Wildenson (GB) 6-4, 7-5, T Nydahl (Swe) bt S Campbell (US) 6-3, 6-3; T Larkham (Aus) bt M Maclagan (GB) 6-1, 6-1, A Costa (Sp) bt M Craca (Ger) 6-3, 6-3, M Kohlmann (Ger) bt C Auffray (Fr) 6-4, 6-1; O Serrano (Sp) bt I Heuberger (Switz) 6-1, 6-3; A Clement (Fr) bt M Ondruska (SA) 6-2, 6-3.

BUCHAREST: Romanian Open: First round: A di Pasquale (Fr) bt G Trillu (Rom) 7-6, 7-6, I Moldovan (Rom) bt M Puerta (Arg) 6-4, 6-4; E Alvarez (Sp) bt N Rovas (Gr) 6-3, 6-2, J Diaz (Sp) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-1, 6-3, A Portas (Sp) bt J Sanchez (Sp) 6-3, 6-3; A Calatrava (Sp) bt O Gross (Ger) 3-6, 6-3, 1-1 w/o

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan: President's Cup: First round: T Henman (GB) bt N Welgreen (Isr) 6-1, 6-4; N Escude (Fr) bt D Tomashevich (Uzb) 6-3, 6-3, R Wassen (Holl) bt L Burgsmuller (Ger) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, C Pioline (Fr) bt V Kutsenko (Uzb) 6-3, 6-3; M Rosset (Switz) bt T Ketola (Fin) 7-6, 7-5; K Braasch (Ger) bt M Hanrschik (Ger) 6-4, 7-6

ATP TOUR RANKINGS: 1, P Sampras (US) 4,015pts; 2, P Rafter (Aus) 2,575, 3, M Rios (Chile) 3,467, 4, P Korda (Cz) Republic 2,908, 5, C Moya (Sp) 2,858; 6, K Kucera (Slovakia) 2,732, 7, A Corretja (Sp) 2,629, 8, A Agassi (US) 2,545; 9, R Krajicek (Holl) 2,534; 10, Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 2,414, 11, T Henman (GB) 2,208, 12, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 2,203, 13, J Bjorkman (Swe), 2,115, 14, M Philippoussis (Aus) 2,110, 15, G Rusedski (GB) 2,091; 16, A Berasategui (Sp) 1,777, 17, A Costa (Sp) 1,743; 18, C Pioline (Fr) 1,709; 19, T Enqvist (Swe) 1,681, 20, J Siemerink (Holl) 1,852; 21, T Johansson (Swe) 1,508; 22, F Mantilla (Sp) 1,468, 23, T Muster (Austria) 1,455, 24, M Gustafsson (Swe) 1,376, 25, N Kiefer (Ger) 1,373, 26, G Kuerten (Br) 1,312, 27, T Martin (US) 1,302, 28, B Black (Zim) 1,253; 29, F Santoro (Fr) 1,238, 30, M Larsson (Swe) 1,232; 31, F Clavet (Sp) 1,228; 32, R Fromberg (Aus) 1,214; 33, B Ulihrach (Cz) 1,145, 34, M Chang (US) 1,131, 35, W Ferreira (SA) 1,099, 36, A Gaudenzi (It) 1,085, 37, J Stoltenberg (Aus) 1,068; 38, M Norman (Swe) 1,062, 39, N Escudo (Fr) 1,053, 40, D Hrbaty (Slovakia) 1,033; 41, V Spadea (US) 993, 42, T Haas (Ger) 986, 43, H Arazi (Mor) 951, 44, G Raoux (Fr) 885; 45, C Costa (Sp) 876, 46, D Vacek (Cz) 873, 47, D Sanguinetti (It) 859; 48, F Meigem (Bel) 857, 49, S Draper (Aus) 819; 50, J-M Gambill (US) 817, 51, A Ilie (Rom) 808, 52, F Dewulf (Bel) 788; 53, F Squillari (Arg) 788, 54, K Alami (Mor) 778; 55, J Golmard (Fr) 762, 56, N Lapentti (Ec) 757; 57, M Safin (Russ) 747, 58, M Rosset (Switz) 739, 59, P Haarhuis (Holl) 723, 60, G Pozo (It) 718; 61, M Puerta (Arg) 716, 62, S Dosedel (Cz) 714; 63, B Becker (Ger) 712, 64, M Tillstrom (Swe) 700, 65, R Delgado (Par) 681, 66, J Alonso (Sp) 673, 67, K Carlsen (Den) 662, 68, M Damm (Cz) 660; 69, T Woodbridge (Aus) 657, 70, O Gross (Ger) 655; 71, J Courier (US) 654; 72, A Medvedev (Ukr) 649; 73, J Tarango (US) 646; 74, D Prinosil (Ger) 644; 75, A Volnea (Rom) 627, 76, S Grosjean (Fr) 613; 77, F Vicente (Sp) 610; 78, J A Marin (C Rica) 602; 79, J Novak (Cz) 600; 80, A Pavel (Rom) 591; 81, S Schalken (Holl) 583, 82, H Dreekmann (Ger) 576, 83, S Lareau (Com) 551, 84, L Paes (India) 545, 85, S Campbell (NZ) 544, 86, J van Lottum (Holl) 541, 87, M Zabaleta (Arg) 534, 88, G Blanco (Sp) 528; 89, W Black (Zim) 525; 90, L Arnold (Arg) 523, 91, A Clement (Spa) 521; 92, S Sargsian (Arm) 520; 93, J Van Herck (Bel) 508, 94, B Steven (NZ) 502.

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2/1 DRAW
Old Trafford, Kick-off 7.45pm, Live on ITV.

CORRECT SCORE

MAN. UTD.	SCORE 90 MINS	BARCELONA
11/2	...1-0...	6/1
9/1	...2-0...	11/1
8/1	...2-1...	10/1
20/1	...3-0...	33/1
18/1	...3-1...	28/1
33/1	...3-2...	33/1
5/1	...0-0...	5/1
5/1	...1-1...	5/1
18/1	...2-2...	18/1

H/TIME F/TIME

MAN. UTD. .. MAN. UTD.	11/4
MAN. UTD. .. DRAW	12/1
MAN. UTD. .. BARCELONA	28/1
DRAW ..... MAN. UTD.	5/1
DRAW ..... DRAW	4/1
DRAW ..... BARCELONA	6/1
BARCELONA . MAN. UTD.	25/1
BARCELONA . DRAW	12/1
BARCELONA . BARCELONA	4/1

Other scores on request
Bets void if match not completed

FIRST GOALSCORER

5/1 ...YORKE (M)	15/2 ...LUIS ENRIQUE (B)	10/1 ...SCHOLES (M)	
6/1 ...COLE (M)	8/1 ...RIVALDO (B)	12/1 ...BECKHAM (M)	
13/2 ...SOLSKJAER (M)	9/1 ...FIGO (B)	16/1 ...CELADES (B)	
7/1 ...ANDERSON (B)	10/1 ...COCU (B)	5/1 ...NO G/SCORER	

Other players on request. Own goals do not count.

OTHER MATCHES

	HOME		DRAW		AWAY
	6/4	LENS	2/1	ARSENAL	8/5
	5/4	MAN. UTD.	2/1	BARCELONA	15/8
T	5/4	ATH. BILBAO	9/4	ROSENBORG	11/2
	1/2	BRONDBY	11/5	BAYERN MUNICH	11/10
	2/1	CRO. ZAGREB	11/5	AJAX	7/4
	5/4	JUVENTUS	4/1	GALATASARAY	9/1
	2/9	KAISERSLAUTERN	5/2	BENFICA	9/2
	8/15	PANATHINAIKOS	11/5	DYNAMO KIEV	8/5
	11/8	PORTO	13/5	OLYMPIAKOS	11/2
	4/9	PSV EINDHOVEN	3/1	HJK HELSINKI	7/1
●	11/8	REAL MADRID	11/5	INTER MILAN	8/5
	6/4	STURM GRAZ	2/1	SPARTAK MOSCOW	8/5

Singles and upwards accepted.
● = Playing in Seville. T = Live on ITV.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

MALDIVES AIRPORTS AUTHORITY
MALE' INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES
Invitation for Bids

Date : 15 September 1998

Invitation for Bid Number: IFB/MAA/RF/02/98

The Government of the Republic of Maldivas represented by the Maldives Airports Authority wishes to invite sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of following vehicles of given capacity.
● 2 Nos. Aircraft Refuellers 20000L capacity
● 1 No. Aircraft Refueller 10000L capacity
The financing of the above purchase will be through Supplier's Credit to be arranged by the Supplier repayable over a period of five years.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Maldives Airports Authority, Male' International Airport, Republic of Maldives. Tel: (960) 323508, Fax No. (960) 325034, E-mail finance@airports.com.mv

A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the above address and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of US$ 200.00.

Bids must be delivered to the above office on or before 1200hrs on 15th October 1998 and must be accompanied by a bid security as specified in Bid Data Sheet.

Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders representatives who choose to attend at 1200hrs on 19th October 1998 at the office of Maldives Airports Authority, Male' International Airport.

Managing Director
MALDIVES AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

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● 2 Nos. Airfield Crash Rescue Truck 4500L capacity
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CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children Charity Scheme for the regulation of the Charity.
Reference: DCF-235825/51102-XRS
The Charity Commission have made a scheme for this charity. A copy can be seen for the next month at The Trust Fund Office, Hollen Wing, Queen Square, London WC1 or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Charity Commission, 2nd Floor, 20 Kings Parade, Queens Dock, Liverpool L3 4DQ, quoting the reference above.

LEGAL NOTICES

PURSUANT TO SECTION 324 (2) OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Yvonne Lesley Grech
(In Bankruptcy)
High Court No 3149 of 1998
Notice is hereby given that I intend to declare a dividend to unsecured creditors within a period of four months from the last date of proving.
Last day for receiving proofs - 16 October 1998.
If you have not proved your debt by 16 October 1998 you will be excluded from this dividend payment.
P S Dunn
Horwath Clark Whitehill & Co
Sheldon House, 7 Kendrick Place, London W1R 5BP
9 September 1998
Signed P S Dunn, Trustee

The Insolvency Act 1986
EVENT HOLDINGS LIMITED
TRADING NAME: "EVENT"
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 28th September 1998 at 4 Cumberhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 12.15 hrs for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FCPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Cumberhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 8th day of September 1998
By Order of the Board
Krystina Akerson, Director

R E Stiffell & Son Limited
-in Administrative Receivership-
Company No. 1 Hire - 1137737
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA on 28 September 1998 at 10:30 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at 800 Savy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA, not later than 12:00 hrs on 25 September 1998 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 or there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
D H Gilbert
Joint Administrative Receiver

Notice of Administrative Order
IN THE MATTER OF G H Investors (UK) Ltd
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Registered number: 2582491
Nature of business: Dairy Products
Trade classification: 23
Administration Order made 7 September 1998
Raymond Hocking & Malcolm Coban
Joint Administrators (office holder nos: 2222/01 & 6826/01)
Address: 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA

MARKET SOFTWARE LIMITED
COMPANY NUMBER 2493149
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that:
1. By Written Resolutions of the members of the Company dated 9 September 1998 pursuant to Section 381A of the Companies Act 1985 Special Resolutions ("the Resolutions") were duly passed approving payment out of the Company's capital (pursuant to Section 171 of the Companies Act 1985) in respect of the purchase by the Company of its own shares from members of 150,000 Preference Shares of £1.00 each under Section 162 of the Companies Act 1985.
2. The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined by Section 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 is £150,000.
3. The Statutory Declaration and Auditors Report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 both of which are dated 9 September 1998 are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at 6 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LD; and
4. Any creditor of the Company may apply to the High Court under Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 at any time within the period of five weeks immediately following the date of the Resolution for an order prohibiting the payment.
Dated: 11 September 1998.
Evershards
Senator House
85 Queen Victoria Street
London EC4V 4JL
Solicitors for the above named company.

NOTICE OF APPEAL FOR DEBTS
The following person died in Bonnie Africa on the 16th June 1996. LEONARD TOOKIE a hairdresser born in Holbeck, Leeds, England, on the 12th August 1914. He resided for a considerable period of time in Johannesburg, South Africa, and it is believed that he served in the South African army during the Second World War. His parents were Jeremy George Tookie (born 24th May 1877 at 120 Hackney Road, Bethnal Green, London) and Lucy Rosetta Tookie (nee Flint)(Other and date of birth unknown). The deceased's parents always maintained interest in the 14th January 1907 in Holbeck, Leeds. It is known that the deceased has a sister, Ethel Maud Tookie born 7th January 1908 in Holbeck, Leeds, and it is believed that she died in South Africa without children.
The following persons are requested to give notification of their interest in the Estate of the deceased:-
1. Any lawful descendants of the deceased i.e children or issue.
2. If no lawful descendants, then brothers and/or sisters or their issue. 3. Otherwise uncles and/or aunts. 4. Otherwise cousins by blood.
The persons to whom this appeal is addressed are hereby requested to notify the solicitors mentioned below within six weeks of the date of publication of this Notice of Appeal for Debts, enclosing documentary evidence of their rights of succession. If they fail to do so, their rights against the Estate will be disregarded. Dated this 16th day of September 1998.
Mayo, Smith & Kluger, Solicitors, 295 Regent Street, London W1R 7YA. Ref: MS/52564

THE COAL AUTHORITY
PUBLIC MEETING
22 September 1998
The Coal Authority will be holding a public meeting on 22 September 1998 to explain its work and review activities carried out during the fiscal year ended 31 March 1998.
The meeting will be held in the Dragon Suite at the Angel Hotel, Castle Street, Cardiff CF1 2XZ, from 11.00hrs to 12.30hrs.
The meeting will be introduced by Authority Chairman Sir David White and include a presentation by Chief Executive Kenneth Ferguson. There will also be a question and answer session.
Members of the public are invited to attend.

THE ROYAL ASSOCIATION IN AID OF DEAF PEOPLE
Notice to Subscribers
Notice is hereby given that the 157th Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at St Dale's Centre for Deaf People, 412 Clapham Road, London, SW9 9DA on Thursday 19 November 1998 at 5.00 p.m.
Subscribers wishing to attend will receive the necessary papers seven days before the meeting upon written application to:
The Administrator
RAD
Walsingham Road
Colchester
CO2 7EP

LEGAL NOTICES

Multiple Listing Services Limited
Registered Number: 2693032
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Date of Appointment of Administrative Receiver(s): 8 September 1998.
Name of person appointing the Administrative Receiver(s): Barclays Bank PLC.
Type of Security: Debenture, Fixed and Floating Charge.
Date of Security: 29 June 1998.
Name of person appointed: L A Manning and S V Frankley both of BUCKLER PHILLIPS, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF, (Office Holder Nos: 6577 and 8291).

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Attack 5.00 Smart Guy 5.30 Recess 6.45 10.00 Wimbe's House 10.30 Babar 11.00 3.00 Kids in the Hall 3.30 Nightstand 12.30pm Go Greece 1.00 Travel Live 1.30 TBA 5.30 Old is Gold

The county championship is set for a gripping climax but . . .

Does anybody out there care?

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

POPPERFOTO



Full house: Fans flocked to the Oval in the Fifties when county cricket was not a relentless pursuit of mediocrity

ONLY one question, really. In the name of *what* are we doing this? It has, as my mother used to say on every subject from the length of my hair to the onset of nuclear war, got beyond a joke.

For this has been a truly great summer of sport. Pick your own highlights — Michael Owen, Jana Novotna, Swain. For me, the best hour of sport was that titanic joust between Michael Atherton and Alan Donald as the angel of advantage changed station, abandoning South Africa to side with England.

This columnist is a cricket person. Cricket is an essential part of my annual sporting round. And it happens that this season has brought us one of the closest county championships in memory.

By one of those wonderfully lucky quirks of scheduling, the two main contenders meet tomorrow in what will be more or less a winner-take-all contest: the team left standing at the end will, in all probability, be the county champions.

And do you know something? I had no idea. I didn't know who was leading the county championship, or who was in contention. The event had passed me by. The whole county championship has passed me by. It means nothing. It has absolutely nothing to do with me — me, a cricket person.

Perhaps you think I was a deprived child, brought up on football, never given the chance to appreciate the good things in sport, that my understanding of cricket is shallow and television-learned.

But no. County cricket is probably the reason I am here today, earning a crust by writing about sport. In the summer holidays, my grandfather took me to Edgbaston day after day. Birmingham for me was the city of romance. Warwickshire a team touched with gold, their captain, MJK Smith, the hero of heroes.

But now the county championship reaches the most exciting moment of the century and I don't know who is playing. I am not alone. For, if I may ask another still more pertinent question, who gives a stuff?

I have done a fair bit of research in getting up this piece, as a top investigative journalist should. And I can now reveal the names of the two counties involved in tomorrow's epic showdown.

They are Leicestershire and Surrey. Leicestershire, in one of the matches that led up to this breathtaking climax, had the total of four paying spectators. The Big Match — the match of matches — will, however, take place at the Oval. So there maybe five paying spectators, perhaps half a dozen and more.

One certain thing is that the big Test match ground will be an empty echoing crypt, the shouts of the cricketers — "bowled, Solleee!" — echoing spookily around the empty plastic seats. A muted tippy-tap of applause, barely discernable from the middle, will greet a good throw or a 50 partnership. Beneath the seats, pigeons will forage in undisturbed tranquillity.

Yet this is professional sport. Twenty-two men are being paid to play this game of games. Professional sport exists on the premise that people will pay money to watch other people play. So how can county cricket exist?

It could not exist without international cricket, which subsidises the county circuit. So — well, obviously, county cricket must be a feeder system, the penultimate tier in the pyramid of excellence whose summit is Test match cricket.

But no. County cricket basically works in the exact opposite direction. It works as if its function were to make the England cricket team as weak physically and as feeble mentally as it possibly could. And it does a pretty fair job.

No other country has a remorseless daily professional circuit. No other country knackers its cricketers more efficiently — especially fast bowlers — and, all things being equal, Test matches are won by the side with the better fast bowlers. Yet county cricket has made sure that the new-ball pairing of Darren Gough and Dominic Cork have hardly played a Test match together until this summer.

Meanwhile, batsmen get weary, their ambition blunted. County cricket, for a top Test batsman, might have been designed to make batting a chore. It teaches the worst possible lesson — that a batsman need not prize his wicket too highly. So I failed against Loamshire, I've got another innings against Muckinghamshire tomorrow.

Racing is an industry run for the benefit of another industry, that is to say bookmaking. Test cricket is a pursuit of excellence that is run for the benefit of the relentless pursuit of mediocrity — county cricket.

Note that artful use of the word benefit. The benefit system is one of the most appalling things in sport. Hang on for ten years playing mediocre cricket and you can have a year as a licensed beggar. English professional cricketers are the *Big Issue* sellers of sport. Can you spare any change, please?

Change? We don't do that in county cricket. We have managed to reduce the game of games to a matter of quaint drudgery, and the England cricket team, once the terror of the world, to a level of feebleness unparalleled in history.

We make crocks of our best, and for the rest, we make time servers and beggars. County cricket is destructive of excellence, destructive of sporting bodies and sporting minds, and what's more, is completely silly.



Empty: Alistair Brown plays an attacking shot for Surrey at a deserted Oval this summer

TELEVISION CHOICE

New Age is a week too long

Living With the Enemy
BBC2, 9.00pm

Bringing together people of opposite views to strike sparks off each other is not new as a television concept but this latest version has the merit of going beyond the confines of the studio debate. In the first programme Dee-dee Dobel, a Conservative councillor from Somerset who lives in a manor house and has a dog named after Baroness Thatcher, spends a week among New Age travellers on a muddy site near Brighton. She takes up residence in a truck and is reduced to using a bucket for a lavatory, not her idea of civilisation. She does her best to make friends with Dan, Zana and their two-year-old who live in a caravan but she never warms to their way of life. She thinks they should behave more responsibly. They accuse her of interfering with their freedom to choose how they live.

Models Close-Up
Channel 4, 9.00pm

David Bailey's three-part series on the modelling business is the product of somebody who knows the subject better than most, having photographed models for a living for the best part of 40 years. Helping him to tell the story are most of the big names, from Jean Shrimpton to Cindy Crawford, Naomi Campbell, Christy Turlington and Kate Moss. Yet for all this inside knowledge, programme one at least, is unilluminating. All it really says is that models tend to get spotted very young (14 seems about the average) and that nobody can explain why Kate Moss, say, succeeds where hundreds of other aspirants fail. Agents are accused of being lecherous and mercenary, models of being selfish and difficult. Everybody seems to make a great deal of money, but few of the models would want their daughters to do it.

Close Up: The People's Painting
BBC2, 9.30pm

In an exercise which rightly never takes itself very seriously, two Russian artists visit Britain to learn about our taste in art and produce the all-purpose popular British painting. Vitaly Komar and Alexander Melamid are blessed with a refreshing sense of humour which they take the length and breadth of the land, gauging taste at a Women's Institute branch in Worcestershire, collecting local reactions to the *Angel of the North* in Gateshead and talking to dealers and collectors. Their journey is interspersed with the findings of a MORI poll in which 800 people were asked about their artistic preferences in terms of colours, styles, genres and much else. Pooling this data, and adding it to their own findings, Komar and Melamid come up with their answer.



A home from home for Dee-dee Dobel (back row, centre) (BBC2, 9pm)

Jonathan Miller On Reflection
BBC2, 10.20pm

Dr Jonathan Miller is a very clever man who bestrides the worlds of art and science with equal erudition. His latest project applies both disciplines to an investigation of how painters have used reflections in their works, either through water or mirrors. It raises more complex ideas than might at first be thought. Thus Velasquez's *The Rokeby Venus* is not just a naked woman gazing into a mirror. Miller tells us that she is using her mirror to look at us looking at her. And, being the goddess of love, she knows that she is the object of male desire. Another nude woman looking into a mirror, this time by Dürer, is "taking corrupt pleasure in her beauty". These films may last only ten minutes but they are packed with insights. The four-part weekly series is linked to an exhibition at the National Gallery in London.

Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

Manchester United v Barcelona
Talk Radio, 7.00pm

The excitement over the proposed sale of Manchester United to BSkyB has naturally taken the lion's share of attention in coverage of the media's relationship with football, but this Champions' League commentary from Old Trafford marks a genuine landmark in radio coverage of the game. This is the first time Talk Radio has had exclusive coverage of a British team's Champions' League campaign, a fact noted with some alarm round at the BBC. Talk's deal is with United rather than Uefa, the game's ruling body in Europe, and it covers every match in United's campaign to win the European Cup for the first time under Alex Ferguson's management. Lou Macari, the former United player, presents the programme.

Afternoon Play: The Night House
Radio 4, 2.15pm

This *Afternoon Play* by Gillian Tindall serves as a warning to young women whose heads are turned by romance when they would do better to concentrate on their studies. The play stars Helen Sheals (from television's *The Hello Girls*) as Anne, who gives up a music scholarship in order to get married. The couple move into a Georgian house which appears to be haunted. The house in question is a former school. Anne finds the 50-year-old diary of Caroline Brown, a former pupil at the school, and discovers with increasing terror that Caroline's experiences in relation to the house's attic mirror her own suspicions. The story is told partly in flashback, with Helen Weaver playing Caroline.

Peter Barnard

RADIO 1

6.30am Chris Moyles 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley, Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Radcliffe 4.00 Dave Pearce. Includes 5.45 Newsbeat 6.30 The Evening Session 8.30 Movie Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mercury Music Awards. Mary Anne Hobbs presents the annual awards 12.00 The Breezeblock 2.00am Emma B 4.00 Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Nick Barraclough 8.00 Mike Harding 9.00 Gloria Estefan's Sounds of Miami 10.00 Top of the Pops on 2 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am Breakfast with Julian Worricker 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News. Headlines and sport from around the world, with Victoria Derbyshire 1.00pm Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Drive 7.00 News Extra 7.30 Football Night. Coverage of the first round of matches in the European Champions' League. Including the National Lottery Draw 10.00 Littlejohn 11.00 Late Night Live 1.00am Up All Night 5.00 Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Chris Evans 9.30 Bobby Hain 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Mark Forrest 7.30 James Merritt 10.00 Paul Coyte 1.00am Peter Poulton 4.30 Jeremy Clark

TALK RADIO

7.00am Bill Overton and Kirsty Young 9.00 Scott Chisholm 11.00 Lorraine Kelly 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Live Football. Manchester Utd v Barcelona. See Choice 1.00am Ian Collins and the Creatures of the Night 5.00 Bill Overton

WORLD SERVICE

7.00am News 7.15 Insight 7.30 Sports International 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf-Human Croquet 1/13 8.30 Meridian Live 9.00 News; (648 only) News in German 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Westway 9.30 Everywoman 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 The Farming World 10.30 Britain Now 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 One Planet 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Sports International 1.00 News; (648 only) News in German 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Heads and Tails 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Megamix 4.00 News 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 Performance 4.30 Everywoman; (648 only) News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.15 Insight 6.30 From Our Own Correspondent (648 only) News in German 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Proms '98 8.29 News 8.30 Multitrack: X-Press 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 On Screen 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Insight 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Multitrack X-Press 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Omnibus 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Meridian Books 4.00 News 4.05 World Business Report 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 The World Today 5.00 The World Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey. Music and news updates to ease you into the day 8.00 Henry Kelly. Includes the Hall of Fame Hour. *Favourite pieces voted for in the Classic FM Top 300* 12.00 Lunchtime Requests. Jane Jones introduces listeners' favourites 2.00pm Concerto. Paderewski (Piano Concerto in A minor) 3.00 Jamie Crick. Including Afternoon Romance and Continuous Classics 6.30 Newsnight. Headlines, arts news and guests, presented by John Brunning 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. *John Brunning introduces two hours of easy-listening sounds* 9.00 Evening Concert. Reicha (Oboe Quintet in F major); Beethoven (Triple Concerto in C major); Rodrigo (Concierto Madrigal) 11.00 Mann at Night. Music and conversation for the early hours with Alan Mann 2.00am Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

RADIO 3

6.00am **On Air,** with Petroc Trelawny. Includes Chopin (Prelude in G); Mozart (A Musical Joke, K522); Handel (Ogni Vento, Agrippina)
9.00 **Masterworks,** with Penny Gore. Includes Prokofiev (March in B flat); Tartini (Violin Sonata in G minor, Devil's Trill); Brahms (Four Ballades, Op 10); Handel (Chandos Anthem No 9: O Praise the Lord with One Consent); Wagner (A Faust Overture)
10.30 Artist of the Week: Steven Isserlis
11.00 **Sound Stories: (Danube Week) A Journey Down the Danube.** Donald Macleod takes a musical journey down the Danube, from its source in the Black Forest to its delta by the Black Sea
12.00 **Composer of the Week: Mendelssohn**
1.00pm **The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert.** Live from the Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham Conservatoire, introduced by Chris Wines. Wanderer Trio. Tchaikovsky (Piano Trio in A minor, Op 50)
2.00 **The BBC Orchestras.** BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Manss Jansons and Nicholas Kraemer. With Richard Watkins, horn. Includes Mozart (Symphony No 39 in E flat, K543; Horn Concerto No 4 in E flat, K495); Bruckner (Symphony No 7 in E)
4.00 **Choral Evensong.** Live from Wells Cathedral. Organist and master of the choristers Malcolm Archer. Assistant organist Rupert Gough
5.00 **In Tune.** Sean Rafferty talks to Sir Colin Davis about the LSO's forthcoming Elgar series
7.30 **Performance on 3: (Danube Week) The Seasons.** A performance of Haydn's *The Seasons* from the concert hall in the Esterhazy Castle at Eisenstadt, near Vienna. Ursula Fiedler, soprano. Steve Davislam, tenor, Robert Holl, bantone. Vienna Chamber Choir, Haydn Philharmonic under Adam Fischer. Haydn (The Seasons. *Spring; Summer*) 8.35 The Esterhaza Castle in Hungary. Christopher Cook crosses the border and explores the Hungarian Esterhazy Palace at Fertod 8.55 Haydn (The Seasons: *Autumn, Winter*)
10.15 **Postscript: (Danube Week) From the Donau to the Duna — Buda (3/5)**
10.45 **Night Waves.** Patrick Wright talks to Seamus Heaney about the place of poetry in the modern world, on the publication of *Opened Ground: Poems 1966-1996*
11.30 **Jazz Notes: Brecon '98.** Alyn Shipton introduces more music from the Dick Hyman Trio
12.00 **Proms Composer of the Week: Janáček (r)**
1.00am **Through the Night,** with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

6.00am **Today,** with John Humphrys and James Naughtie. Includes 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day
9.00 **Midweek,** with the *Times* columnist Libby Purves
9.45 **(LW) Daily Service**
9.45 **(FM) Buster's Diaries.** Roy Hattersley reads extracts from the diary of Buster, his dog and constant companion (3/5)
10.00 **News; Woman's Hour,** with Jenni Murray
11.00 **News; Crimescapes: Alison Taylor.** Leslie Forbes investigates the third of six crime writers. *A Welsh scholar is found dead in the university city of Bengor, and the circumstances are suspicious* (r)
11.30 **Up the Garden Path.** New series. A six-part radio version of the novel by Sue Limb, with Imelda Staunton and Marty Cruikshank
12.00 (FM) News; You and Yours 12.57pm Weather
12.00 **(LW) News Headlines;** Shipping Forecast
1.00 **The World at One,** with Nick Clarke at the TUC Conference
1.30 **Inspiration.** Inventions and discoveries are subjected to quizzical investigations. Chris Stuart is joined at the Science Museum by Professor Lewis Wolpert, Adam Hart-Davis, Susan Greenfield and Dr Anna Grayson (r)
2.00 **News; The Archers** (r)
2.15 **Afternoon Play: The Night House,** by Gillian Tindall. See Choice (r)
3.00 **News; Gardeners' Question Time.** Nigel Colborn, Pippa Greenwood and Roy Lancaster answer questions from members of the Pewsey Vale Gardening Club. With chairman Eric Robson (r)
3.30 **Strange Weather Days: Windy City.** Gunnersby, site of the worst British tornado of the century (r)
3.45 **Tales We Tell: A Mother Always Knows,** by Sara Maitland, read by Diana Quick
4.00 **News; All In the Mind.** Professor Anthony Clare asks if our intuitive and contemplative nature has lost out to the surface business of everyday life
4.30 **Thinking Allowed,** with Laurie Taylor and guests
5.00 **PM 5.54 (LW)** Shipping Forecast 5.57 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **Dan and Nick: The Wildebeest Years,** with Dan Freedman and Nick Romero (r)
7.00 **News; The Archers 7.15 Front Row.** Francine Stock chairs the nightly arts programme
7.45 **The Jury,** by Matthew Solon (3/25) (r)
8.00 **News; Inside Out.** Will modern business methods, coupled with Government policies leave many people without proper pensions?
8.45 **Divided We Stand.** A four-part idiosyncratic history of the 20th century, written and presented by Robert Robinson (r)
9.00 **News; Isambard's Bastards.** John Waite investigates the crisis in the engineering industry
9.30 **Midweek** (r) 10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: Enduring Love,** by Ian McEwan read by David Horovitch (3/10)
11.00 **Late Night on 4: Hearing with Hegley.** More comic verse from John Hegley
11.15 **The Goldfish Bowl,** by Shaun Prendergast. The concept of time is up for discussion as Liam decides to celebrate Anton's birthday. With Hamish McColl and Sean Foley
11.30 **The Nuslas.** Last in the series with the musical Irish trio Starring Sue Collins, Anne Gildea, Karen Egan and Paul Tylak (r)
12.00 **News 12.30am The Late Book: The Tesseract,** by Alex Garland, read by Jamie Glover (3/10) (r)
12.48 **Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service**
5.30 **World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast**
5.40 **Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day**
5.47 **Farming Today,** with Anna Hill

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EQUESTRIANISM

Skelton lifts British hopes

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

BRITAIN'S showjumping hopes for the World Equestrian Games in Rome next month have received a timely boost with Nick Skelton's success on Hopes Are High in the £104,000 Calgary Grand Prix, the richest showjumping event in the world.

Geoff Billington, on It's Otto, and John Whitaker, on Virtual Village Heyman, two other leading contenders for the Great Britain team, which is to be named today, finished second and fifth respectively.

Skelton started riding Hopes Are High, formerly owned by David Broome, only two months ago. Calgary is their third grand prix success. In August they won in Dublin and, two weeks later, at Gijon in Spain. Broome sold the nine-year-old gelding to Lord and Lady Harris two weeks ago on the understanding that Skelton kept the ride.

Skelton is now virtually certain to fill one of the four team places for Rome. After his Calgary success — one of the most competitive shows on the circuit — he is also likely to start as British favourite for individual honours at the Championships.

☐ Great Britain's beleaguered squad for the three-day event team had a further setback when Anne-Marie Evans' horse was withdrawn through injury at the weekend. The 13-year-old gelding cracked a splint bone in his near foreleg during training.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
* denotes all-ticket

European Cup Champions' League
Group D
Manchester Utd v Barcelona (7.45) ...
Group E
Lens v Arsenal (7.45) .. . . .
Worthington Cup
Second round, first leg
Bristol City v Crewe (7.45) . . . .
Coventry v Southend (7.45) . . . . . .
Derby v Manchester City (7.45) . . . .
Leicester v Chesterfield (7.45) . . . .
Middlesbrough v Wycombe (7.45) . .
Norwich v Wigan (7.45) . . . . . .
Queens Park Rangers v Charlton (7.45) .
Shelf Wed v Cambridge Utd (7.45) .

Football Conference
Forest Green v Hayes (7.45)

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Salisbury v Crawley (7.45) **Southern division:** St Leonards v Dartford **Midland division:** Newport AFC v Redditch Paget R v Stafford, Solihull Borough v Stamford AFC, VS Rugby v Bloxwich Town, Wisbech Town v Bedworth

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland v Frickley, Gateshead v Whitby. **First division:** Farsley Celtic v Belper Town

RYMAN LEAGUE: First division: Croydon v Chertsey

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Barnet v Gillingham (2.0), Bournemouth v Brentford (2.0); Charlton v West Ham (7.0), Luton v Reading (2.0); Oxford Utd v Brighton, Southampton v Ipswich, Watford v Portsmouth, Wimbledon v Norwich, Arsenal v Tottenham (3.0).

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: First division: Burnley v Oldham (7.15); Grimsby v Barnsley (7.0); West Bromwich v Middlesbrough (at Halesowen Town FC, 7.0) Wolverhampton v Port Vale (7.0). **Second division:** Lincoln v Blackpool (2.0), Notts County v Huddersfield (2.0) Shrewsbury v Scarborough (7.0) Stockport v Rotherham (7.0), York v Sheffield Utd (7.0) **Third division:** Carlisle v Walsall (2.0) Hartlepool v Darlington (7.0) Rochdale v Bury (2.0)

COMPLETE MUSIC HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Cirencester Academy v Carterton, EFC Cheltenham v Tuffley, Hallen v Fairford, North Leigh v Swindon Supermarine, Shortwood v Highworth, Wanbrow v Didcot.
ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE: First division: Consett v Jarrow Roofing; Crook Town v Shildon
MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division north: Brache Sparta v New Bradwell St Peter
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Eastleigh v Brockenhurst; Hamble Club v Portsmouth.
UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Yaxley v M Blackstone
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Eastbourne Town v Burgess Hill, Hassocks v Ringmer; Saltdean v Eastbourne; Selsey v East Preston, Shoreham v Langney Sports
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Hallam v Garforth
NORTH WESTERN TRAINS LEAGUE: First division: Ramsbottom v Glossop North End, Skelmersdale v Holker Old Boys

CRICKET
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (third day of three): Leicester: Leicestershire v Lancashire.

OTHER SPORT
SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Poole v Oxford (7.30) **Premier League:** Hull v Newcastle (7.30)

WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 35

BALLONE
(a) A step in ballet. The past participle of the French ballonner to swell or puff out, distend. "Ballone, literally a ball-like or bouncing step. Any broad, and bounding movement, especially a movement in which the dancer springs upwards, opening one leg at hip height to the front, side, or back, and alights on the other foot, closing the first on the cou-de-pied."

EEL-POUT
(a) A marine fish of the family Zoarcidae, especially the viviparous blenny, Zoarces viviparus. Also formerly applied to the Burbot. "Eelpouts often lie under stones or buried in sand."

AURANTIA
(b) An orange-yellow dye colour. An offshoot of orange. "Aurantia, a beautiful orange dye, the ammonia salt of an acid. It is used as a sensitiser in orthochromatic photography."

GINZO
(c) US racialist slang, in contemptuous use, for a person of Italian extraction. Perhaps an adaptation of guinea. "I have a boss, a ginzo - though he speaks a great Jewish."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
1 Bxe5+ wins easily, the main point being 1 ... Qxf3 2 Re1+ Be7 3 Rxe7+ Kf8 4 Rd8 checkmate

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Beware: spice is not the plural of spouse

REVIEW



Joe Joseph

Sex between a husband and wife can be a beautiful thing — providing, of course, you get between the right husband and wife. This must be what is going through Martin Clunes's mind in **Touch and Go** (BBC2) when he decides that what might save his fraying marriage to Zara Turner is a little wife-swapping.

It does seem a pretty radical solution for a prim Leeds accountant who seems to be quite sexually innocent even in his mid-thirties. You feel that if Clunes's character, Nick Wood, were to wake up one morning thinking that maybe the odd flutter would spice up his life, he wouldn't bother wasting his time on lottery tickets or bingo: he'd be on the next plane to Monte Carlo with his life savings.

Nick's wife, Alison, does take some persuading. But once she's on board, the plot moves towards *its inevitable conclusion*: the wife-swapping not only tears them further apart, but it turns out to be Alison, not Nick, who is mad for sex with strangers and it is she who eventually realises that there is actually nothing worth salvaging in their own marriage. Nick is the one left begging her for a second chance.

Martin Allen's film-length script exploits this framework to paint a dark portrait of a marriage in crisis: he shows how quickly life can unravel once you start pulling at stray threads; how little your friends might know about you when your front door, and especially your bedroom door, are closed; how a couple can be at their bleakest when they are looking their happiest.

It's the sort of plot that could so easily have been permanently cliched and cringe-making to watch. But in fact it was only occasionally cliched and cringe-making to watch. Much of this was due to Zara Turner's convincing portrayal of the torn wife. The only problem with Turner as Alison was that you couldn't grasp why Nick (in the words Paul Newman used to explain his fidelity to Joanne Woodward) would actually want to go out for hamburger when he could eat steak at home.

As for Clunes, this seems, at first, like a bold departure from the feckless Gary of *Men Behaving Badly*. It's certainly difficult to erase the memory of Clunes as Gary. But rather than distracting you, the association worked in favour of *Touch And Go*: a life of bourgeois domesticity is everything Gary fears most about marriage.

Once he had been persuaded to settle down, and had found that monogamy was just as grim as he envisaged it would be, wife-swapping would be precisely the sort of nudge-nudge-wink-wink fantasy that Gary would delude himself into thinking could revive his sexual passion.

Nick Wood is like Gary a few years on: more sober, but no wiser. Not growing up has cost Nick the one person he truly loves. But having said all this, I'm not sure that one-and-a-half hours wasn't more time than was necessary to get all this across.

It's the acting that keeps the new six-part drama **Ultraviolet** (Channel 4) afloat, too. And it's good to see Jack Davenport back on telly after *This Life*. But is good acting enough?

Ultraviolet is a modern vampire story that is hanging on to the coat-tails of *The X Files*. You either have the appetite for this sort of science-fiction thing or you don't. But at least one major difference between *Ultraviolet* and *The X Files* is that the latter realises how preposterous it is and so it sucks you in quickly, before you have a chance to stutter "If you expect me to believe that . . !".

It's as with a chase-the-lady card sharp: you *know* that you have about as much chance of finding the Queen as Bill Clinton has of becoming the next Pope, but it's the sleight of hand that sucks you in and it's the sleight of hand that spits you out. *The X Files* succeeds because it briskly creates a surreal world in which you are willing to suspend your disbelief: it hurries you through a door into a dimension in which humans can, say, regrow body parts at will, or turn to liquid and back again.

Ultraviolet has chosen the more sophisticated dramatic route of slowly lulling you into a familiar world and then tweaking it — hoping that having swallowed the story so far, you won't now choke on the lumpy bits. But maybe it's *too* sophisticated. Maybe you just can't creep up on something this weird. It's like trying to mount a kerb on a bicycle: you have to hit the kerb head on. Try approaching it at a subtle angle and you usually just fall off.

There is a broad enough audience for this science-fiction-style drama for *Ultraviolet* to succeed, but it lost me early on. A certain amount of guessing keeps you glued: too much and you sometimes stop bothering. At first I couldn't work out what was happening, and pretty soon after that I didn't care. But maybe now that we all *know* it's a vampire story, we can plunge straight in to episode two.

I hope that woman in the current car advert who bangs on about how *size does* matter was watching **The Deadness of Dad** (BBC2), a 20-minute film by Philippa Cousins that had all the grace of a short story. The plot, soft and fragile as a snowflake, tells the story of how a seven-year-old boy (an astonishingly assured performance by Paul Jones) in the Welsh Valleys copes when the father he idolises is run over by a bus.

But it serves equally well as a tale of how all of us accommodate life's setbacks, how we all find our own way to smooth life's jagged edges — even when, in our hearts, we know that the solution we've chosen deludes nobody but ourselves. Just ask Martin Clunes about wife-swapping.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (39535)

7.00 Breakfast at the Games The heptathlon and men's 100m heats. Plus the men's 100m backstroke and 50m freestyle finals (81451)

9.00 Kilroy (7533500)

9.40 Breakers (7485210)

10.05 Style Challenge (9459239)

10.30 Daily Live (4119993)

10.55 News (T) and weather (1760429)

11.00 Commonwealth Games Men's 100m and 400m second rounds, and women's 400m semi-finals. Plus, swimming: the finals of the women's 200m individual medley and 800m freestyle, and the men's 200m butterfly, 50m freestyle and 100m backstroke (92177)

1.00pm News (T) and weather (13968)

1.30 Regional News (41825448)

1.40 Neighbours (T) (97064264)

2.05 Breakers (r) (29840351)

2.25 Commonwealth Games Grandstand Featuring **2.30** Gymnastics: Individual apparatus finals — the men's rings and women's beam; **2.55** Boxing, quarter-final, **3.10** Bowls: The women's fours final (7005871)

3.25 King Greenfingers (r) (5506351) **3.30** Playdays (r) (7608790) **3.50** ChuckleVision (r) (7522326) **4.10** Get Your Own Back (T) (6136887) **4.35** Wild House (r) (T) (3281887) **5.00** Newsround (T) (8329239) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (6662239)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (712852)

6.00 News (T) and weather (871)

6.30 Regional News Magazine (351)

7.00 The X Creatures Chris Packham heads to the Californian site where Roger Patterson and Bob Gimlin shot footage of the so-called Bigfoot in 1967 (3245)

7.30 Tomorrow's World Sue Leeming prepares for her pioneering neurosurgery (T) (535)

8.00 Changing Rooms Last in series (2993)

8.30 The National Lottery Dreamworld (T) (8500)

9.00 News (T) and weather (1622)

9.30 The Vicar of Dibley (r) (T) (41622)

9.59 National Lottery Update (850413)

10.00 Smith and Jones '98 (T) (13054)

10.30 Voyage (1993) with Rutger Hauer and Karen Allen as a middle-aged husband and wife whose attempts to rekindle their relationship on holiday turn sour thanks to a sinister couple. Directed by John Mackenzie (T) (83429) FILM

12.00 Glory Guys (1965) Western adventure with Tom Tryon, Harve Presnell and James Caan (T) (953920) FILM

1.45am Weather (2614494)

1.50 Commonwealth Games Grandstand Featuring **1.30** Heptathlon: 100m hurdles; **2.00** men's 100m first round; **2.40** women's 400m heats; **4.15** men's 400m first round; **5.00** women's 100m heats; **3.15** Swimming: men's 200m butterfly, men's 100m backstroke, women's 4x100m medley relay, and men's 50m and 1,500m freestyle; **5.30** Cycling: Men's and women's sprint qualifying (41917524)

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BBC2

6.10am Experiments and Energy (9005974) **6.35** The Liberation of Algebra (5191871)

7.00 Teletubbies (r) **7.25** Smurfs' Adventures (r) **7.45** The Really Wild Show (r) (T) **8.15** Noah's Island (r) **8.35** King Greenlingers **8.40** Secret Life of Toys

9.00 Commonwealth Games Grandstand Includes **9.05** Boxing, quarter-final bouts, **9.20** Gymnastics: the individual apparatus finals — men's floor and pommel; **9.45** Cricket. Closing stages of the first semi-final, **10.30** Athletics: The heptathlon, men's triple jump and men's 3,000m steeplechase (83239)

11.00 TUC Live John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC delivers his keynote speech (90719)

1.00pm Commonwealth Games Grandstand **1.05** Athletics. Women's heptathlon 200m, women's 5,000m semi-finals; **1.10** Swimming: Women's 4x100m medley final (8775413)

2.10 News (26696055) **2.15** TUC Live. Debates include the economy, the NHS and public spending (614087) **3.55** News (T) (6567500)

4.00 Change That (6657177) **4.25** Ready, Steady, Cook (T) (6650264) **4.55** Esther (T) (8641968) **5.30** Today's the Day (T) (500)

6.00 The Simpsons (r) (T) (446500)

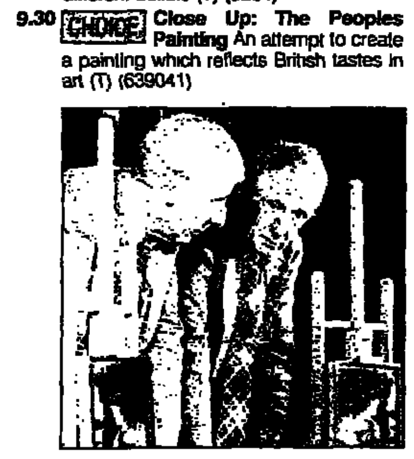
6.25 Commonwealth Games Grandstand Reviews of the start of the athletics. Plus: swimming, squash and hockey highlights (T) (97701719)

8.00 University Challenge Lancaster University v the Open University (T) (9185)

8.30 Two Fat Ladies Jennifer Paterson and Clarissa Dickson Wright cook for the Cambridge Boat Race team (T) (6142)

9.00 CHOICE **Living with the Enemy: Travellers** (1/6) New series bringing together people with radically different beliefs (T) (9264)

9.30 CHOICE **Close Up: The Peoples Painting** An attempt to create a painting which reflects British tastes in art (T) (639041)



Jonathan Miller examines the use of reflection in artists' work (10.20pm)

10.20 CHOICE **Jonathan Miller: On Reflection** (1/4) Exploring the role of mirrors in art (359974)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (331061)

11.15 The Mercury Music Prize Live coverage of the ceremony from London: The Verve, Pulp, Massive Attack, Robbie Williams and Catatonia are nominees (770581)

12.05am Ren and Stimpy (r) (T) (5358765)

12.25 Weather (4302456)

12.30 Learning Zone: Plant Growth Regulators (88524) **1.00** Keywords (24475) **1.30** Flowering (62123) **2.00** The Greats (74104) **4.00** Get By in German (85456) **5.00** RCN Nursing (7604920) **5.45** Renewable Energies (64524)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (1968993)

9.25 Vanessa (T) (6595622)

10.15 This Morning (T) (84015413)

12.15pm Regional News (2192326)

12.30 News (T) and weather (50326)

1.00 Shortland Street (82644) **1.30** Home and Away (T) (59697) **2.00** The Jerry Springer Show (T) (3134158) **2.45** Dale's Supermarket Sweep (T) (938852)

3.15 News (T) (5502535)

3.20 Regional News (T) (5509448)

3.25 Wizadora (r) (5419871) **3.35** The Slow Norris (4851784) **3.45** The Animal Shelf (4944448) **4.00** Rupert (r) (6644603) **4.25** The Rottentrolls (r) (T) (6407332) **4.40** Mad for It (8050332)

5.10 WALES: Primetime Diary (T) (9304581)

5.10 The Making of Dr Dolittle (930458)

5.40 News (T) and weather (611784)

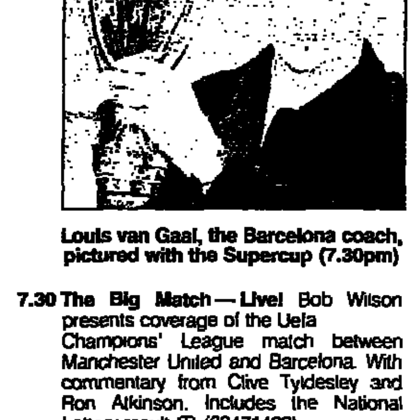
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (440326)

6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight (315535)

6.25 Regional Weather (244719)

6.30 The West Tonight (T) (719)

7.00 Emmerdale Tara's wedding day arrives, but she is still undecided; news of Kathy reaches the village (T) (5413)



Louis van Gaal, the Barcelona coach, pictured with the Supercup (7.30pm)

7.30 The Big Match — Live! Bob Wilson presents coverage of the Uefa Champions' League match between Manchester United and Barcelona. With commentary from Clive Tyldesley and Ron Atkinson. Includes the National Lottery result (T) (63471429)

NB: Subsequent programmes are subject to delay and alteration

9.45 Coronation Street Fiona gives Steve his marching orders; and Alma tells the police the truth about Curly (T) (109413)

10.15 News (T) and weather (297622)

10.45 Regional News and weather (639210)

10.55 The Big Match Jim Rosenthal presents highlights of tonight's Uefa Champions' League match between Lens and Arsenal. Plus the goals and reaction from the rest of the fixtures (178429)

11.55 Pure Lethal (654719)

12.35am Brotherhood of the Gun (1992) starring Brian Bloom, Jamie Rose and David Carradine. Western set in New Mexico, following the exploits of a Civil War hero who becomes a lawman after a spell of train robbing. Directed by Bern Gillum (383307) FILM

2.20 The Big Match Replayed Complete coverage of either Manchester United v Barcelona; or Lens v Arsenal (T) (457543)

4.05 Cybernet What's new in the world of computing, focusing on the latest in console and PC games (28507678)

4.35 Planet Mirth (r) (51681814)

5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (86727)

5.30 News (38017)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except

1.00pm Echo Point (82644)

1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (7139622)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9304581)

6.25-7.00 Central News (315535)

12.35am FILM: Cast a Deadly Spell (1991) Fred Ward, Julianne Moore and Clancy Brown star in this dark fantasy, set in a 1940s Los Angeles pervaded by magic. A detective is hired to track down a book of black magic that may be able to prevent the end of the world (383307)

4.00 Central Jobfinder '98 (6685727)

5.20 Asian Eye (9126524)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except.

12.15pm Westcountry News (2192326)

12.27-12.30 Illuminations (4736332)

1.00 Emmerdale (82644)

1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (7139622)

5.08 Birthday People (1251697)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9304581)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (31245)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except

12.15-12.30 Meridian News and Weather (2192326)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9304581)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (239)

6.30-7.00 Rummage (719)

5.00am Freescreen (86727)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:

12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (4737448)

1.00-1.30 Split Second (82644)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9304581)

6.23 Anglia Weather (245448)

6.25-7.00 Anglia News (315535)

10.44 Anglia Air Watch (729887)

S4C

Starts: **7.00am The Big Breakfast** (32149)

9.00 Bewitched (15719)

9.30 FILM: April Love (72757603)

11.20 Earthscape (2572719)

11.30 Moving People (9697)

12.00pm Suddenly Susan (22055)

12.30 Sesame Street (58968)

1.00 Slot Meithrin (57855245)

1.15 Smot y Ci (57770500)

1.30 FILM: Cromwell (891535)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (332)

4.30 Ricki Lake (516)

5.00 5 Pump (5977974)

5.15 Ffeil (8324784)

5.30 Countdown (968)

6.00 Newyddion 6 (534239)

6.20 Heno (305158)

7.00 Pobol y Cwm (829719)

7.25 Ffermio (233887)

8.00 Gair Am Aur (5603)

8.30 Newyddion (1210)

9.00 Armistead Maupin's More Tales of the City (3351)

10.00 Brookside (297993)

10.35 Ally McBeal (183351)

11.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (548719)

12.05am Fresh Pop (9226017)

12.10 Under the Moon (36818814)

4.45 Diwedd (1494122)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (22245)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (T) (32149)

9.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (15719)

9.30 April Love (1957) with Pat Boone, Shirley Jones and Dolores Michaels. A teenage (and fortunately musical) delinquent is sent to Kentucky, where he becomes a skilled horse racer. Directed by Henry Levin (72757603) FILM

11.20 Earthscape (2572719) **11.30** Moving People (r) (T) (9697) **12.00** Sesame Street (22055) **12.30pm** I Dream of Jeannie (T) (58968) **1.00** Watercolour Challenge (82626) **1.30** Hotel Hawkstone (34345158)

1.50 An Ideal Husband (1947) Adaptation of Oscar Wilde's comedy play set in the late 19th century, with Paulette Goddard and Hugh Williams. Directed by Alexander Korda (T) (51997429) FILM

3.30 Classic Homes The birth and evolution of the suburbs (r) (T) (697) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (332) **4.30** Countdown (T) (3102326) **4.55** Ricki Lake. Stop Hitting Your Child (r) (T) (8732264)

5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (968)

6.00 Caroline in the City Caroline is alarmed when her young boyfriend declares his undying love for her (T) (448968)

6.25 Suddenly Susan: The Walkout Susan is elected spokesperson when Jack announces he will be cutting all salaries (T) (537326)

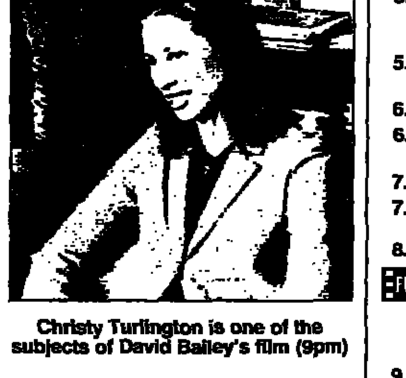
6.50 Fresh Pop (488871)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (994351)

7.50 Algeria Daily Insight into the wartorn country (T) (399546)

8.00 Brookside Peter is disappointed that he won't be marrying Lindsay in church (T) (5603)

8.30 Downward Nobility Some of Britain's heirs who prefer anonymity. First shown in the *Short Stories* documentary series (r) (T) (1210)



Christy Turlington is one of the subjects of David Bailey's film (9pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Models Close-Up: Discover** (1/3) A revealing look at the world of modelling, directed by David Bailey (T) (3351)

10.00 Ally McBeal: Forbidden Fruits Georgia comes up with an unusual solution to Billy and Ally's continuing attraction — they should spend one last night together. The firm represents a US Senator accused of breaking up his wife's former marriage (T) (562719)

10.55 Cybill Cybill is livid when a director fires her after she rejects his advances (594603)

11.30 Jo Whiley (2/6) The DJ chats to three more music celebrities (560326)

12.10am Under the Moon (64905765)

2.30 Football Italia Perugia v Juventus (r) (44645104)

4.45-5.55 Transworld Sport (r) (1494122)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a **Videocrypt** decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: **10.92075 GHz**; sound: **7.02 and 7.20 MHz**

6.00am 5 News and Sport (6544974)

7.00 WideWorld (r) (T) (1534448) **7.30** Milkshake! (5507264) **7.35** What-A-Mess (1674535) **8.00** Havakazoo (9616852) **8.30** Dappledown Farm (r) (9711351)

9.00 Housebusters (r) (T) (5511622) **9.25** Russell Grant's Postcards Iceland (8448790) **9.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (r) (7388516) **10.20** Sunset Beach (T) (4550719) **11.10** Leeza (5776333)

12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (9626239) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (2928413) **1.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (1533719) **1.30** Sons and Daughters (2927784) **2.00** 100 Per Cent Gold (3376023) **2.30** Open House with Gloria Hunniford. With the novelist Maeve Binchy (3279158)



Joan Collins reprises her role as Alexis Carrington (3.30pm)

3.30 Dynasty: The Reunion (2/2) Blake faces certain death and Alexis becomes more powerful than ever (2065061)

5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show Parents who abduct their own children (9049264)

6.00 100 Per Cent (4163245)

6.30 Family Affairs Pete accepts Maddox's offer (T) (4081697)

7.00 5 News (T) (3218789)

7.30 The Pepsi Chart Dr Fox presents the latest music from the charts (4070581)

8.00 Wounded Heart (1995, TVM) with Paula de Vicq, John Hensley and Bibi Besch. Drama about a successful Wall Street trader who returns to her country home to fight for her inheritance. Directed by Vic Sarin (T) (96577887) FILM

9.50 Across 110th Street (1972) with Anthony Quinn, Yaphet Kotto and Anthony Franciosa. Thriller about a robbery at a Mafia-controlled bank, carried out by men dressed as police. The perpetrators soon find the real police and the Mob hot on their trail. Directed by Barry Shear (5643790) FILM

11.45 Compromising Situations Erotic drama. A struggling screenwriter attempts to make it in Hollywood by introducing a more sexual theme to his story (7646528)

12.20am Major League Baseball — Live Coverage of a top game from America (27000712)

4.40 Madman of the People (37795291)

5.05 You Again? Comedy about a supermarket manager. With Jack Klugman (68271920)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (4053253)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

● **For further listings see Saturday's *Vision***

SKY 1

7.00am Tattooed Teenage Alien Fighters from Beverly Hills (34429) **7.30** Games World (3907448) **7.45** The Simpsons (57535) **8.15** Games World (7454697) **8.30** Garfield and Friends (48061) **9.00** The Superman (29185) **10.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (42448) **11.00** Oprah (59784) **12.00** Married with Children (59177) **12.30pm** M*A*S*H (7715784) **12.55** The Special K Collection (61460719) **1.00** Geraldo (3723142) **1.55** The Special K Collection (51622790) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (1822103) **2.55** The Special K Collection (9834239) **3.00** Jenny Jones (4427413) **3.55** The Special K Collection (1789429) **4.00** Oprah (95993) **5.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (2158) **6.00** Married with Children (7719) **6.30** Friends (8871) **7.00** The Simpsons (3887) **7.30** Real TV (4055) **8.00** Stargate SG-1 (14516) **9.00** The Outer Limits (21852) **10.00** Hollywood Sex (31239) **11.00** Friends (96622) **11.30** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (16332) **12.30am** Nowhere Man (95140) **1.30** Long Play (6183833)

SKY BOX OFFICE

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SKY BOX OFFICE 1 (Transponder 26) **Event Horizon (1997)**

SKY BOX OFFICE 2 (Transponder 60) **The Full Monty (1997)**

SKY BOX OFFICE 3 (Transponder 59) **One Fine Day (1996)**

SKY BOX OFFICE 4 (Transponder 58) **Grosse Point Blanke (1997)**

SKY PREMIER

6.00am The Skateboard Kid II (1995) (88535) **8.00 Big (1988)** (50513) **10.00 Magic in the Water (1995)** (87448) **12.00 The Skateboard Kid II (1995)** (28326) **2.00pm Old Gringo (1989)** (19061) **4.00 Big (1988)** (32249332) **5.45 Magic in the Water (1995)** (35198516) **7.30 Barry Norman's Film Night** (3993) **8.00 Miss Evers' Boys (1997)** (38142) **10.00 Extreme Measures (1996)** (76069) **12.00 Destiny Turns on the Radio (1995)** (388727) **1.45am Crosscut (1996)** (215825) **3.25 The Brothers McMullen (1995)** (31084340)

SKY MOVIEMAX

6.00am Jumanji (1995) (60938245) **7.45 Amore! (1993)** (54848790) **9.20 To Brave Alaska (1996)** (10684992) **11.00 Roseanne: An Unauthorised Biography (1994)** (27887) **1.00pm Trail of Tears (1995)** (21413) **3.00 To Brave Alaska (1996)** (27448) **5.00 Roseanne: An Unauthorised Biography (1994)** (52210) **7.00 Jumanji (1995)** (32061) **9.00 Freshman Fall (1996)** (87974) **10.30 Action Heroes: Steven Seagal** (54622) **11.00 Hard to Kill (1990)** (102622) **12.40am Dead by Midnight (1997)** (7895369) **2.10 Eyewitness (1981)** (238881) **3.55 Amore! (1993)** (95714543)

SKY CINEMA

4.00pm The Long Hot Summer (1958) (9893719) **6.00 The Reckless Moment (1949)** (2690622) **8.00 The Beguiled (1971)** (2506239) **10.00 Hollywood Hall of Fame: Jack Nicholson** (8193351) **10.30 Terms of Endearment (1983)** (81504448) **12.45am Rollerball (1975)** (54274901) **2.50 Monster: Humanoids from the Deep (1980)** (76402901) **4.15 Three Smart Girls (1936)** (44218415) **5.35 Close**

TNT

9.00pm The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938) (98358413) **11.00 North by Northwest (1959)** (20119326) **1.30am Catlow (1971)** (99746369) **3.15 The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938)** (73882017) **5.00 Close**

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre **7.15** Wrestling **8.15** Sports Centre **8.30** Racing **9.00** Aerobics **9.30** Footballers' Football Show **10.30** Inside Scottish Football **11.30** Windsurfing **12.00** Aerobics **12.30pm** Football: Worthington Cup Second Round **2.00** Rugby League Academy **3.00** Inside Scottish Football **4.00** Footballers' Football Show **5.00** Wrestling **6.00** Sports Centre **6.30** Motorcycling **7.00** Cricket **8.00** World of Super League **10.00** Sports Centre **10.15** Motorcycling **10.45** Cricket **11.45** Sports Centre **12.00** World of Super League **2.00am** Euro Tour Weekly **2.30** Motorcycling **3.00** Sports Centre

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics **7.30** Sports Centre **7.45** Racing **8.15** Fastrax **8.45** Sports Centre **9.00** Fish TV **10.00** Golf: PGA Scottish Seniors Open **12.00** Golf: Mastercard Tour **1.00pm** Golf Extra **4.00** Golf: LPGA Safeco Classic **6.00** Watersports World **7.00** Golf Extra **10.00** Euro Tour Weekly **10.30** Watersports World **11.30** Speedway: Polish Grand Prix **12.30am** Sports Centre **1.30** Cricket **2.30** Sports Centre

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Wrestling **1.00pm** Fish TV **2.00** Superbouts **3.00** Sportraits **3.30** Fastrax **4.00** Baseball **6.00** Sportraits **6.30** Euro Tour Weekly **7.00** Fish TV **8.00** Speedway. Polish Grand Prix **10.00** Wrestling Classics **10.30** Best Home Nations Team

EUROSPORT

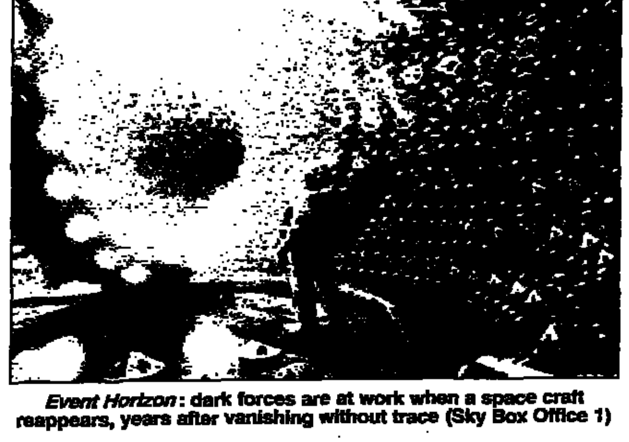
7.30am Football. UEFA Cup **9.00** Cycling Tour of Spain **10.00** X Games **11.00** Motocross: World Championships **11.30** Water Skiing: World Cup **12.00** Sailing: The Battle of Amsterdam **12.30pm** Football: UEFA Cup **2.00** Cycling: Tour of Spain — Live **4.00** Speedworld **5.30** Football UEFA Cup **7.00** Aerobics **8.00** Dancing **10.00** Fitness **11.00** Speedworld

UK GOLD

7.00am Crossroads **7.30** Neighbours **7.55** EastEnders **8.30** The Bill **9.00** The Bill **9.30** Bergerac **10.30** The Sullivans **11.00** Dallas **11.55** Neighbours **12.25pm** EastEnders **1.00** All Creatures Great and Small **2.00** Dallas **2.55** The Bill **3.25** The Bill **3.55** Bergerac **4.55** EastEnders **5.30** Angels **6.00** All Creatures Great and Small **7.00** Don't Wait Up **7.40** Dad's Army **8.20** Yes, Minister **9.00** The Detectives **9.40** Hamish Macbeth **10.45** Knowing Me, Knowing You, with Alan Partridge **11.20** The Bill **11.50** The Bill **12.20am** Casualty **1.20** The Comic Strip Presents: Private Enterprise **2.00 FILM: Sagebrush Trail (1934)** **2.55** Shopping

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box **7.00** The Army Game **7.30** Please Sir! **8.00** On the Buses **8.30** That's My Boy **9.00** Coronation St **9.30** Emmerdale **10.00** The Avengers **11.00** The Persuaders **12.00** Coronation St **12.30pm** Emmerdale **1.00** Beadle's About **1.30** Watching **2.00** Thomas and Sarah **3.00** The Avengers **4.00** Mission: Impossible **5.00** The Persuaders **6.00** Emmerdale **6.30** Coronation St **7.00** Beadle's About **7.30** Mind Your Language **8.00** The Avengers **9.00** Coronation Street **9.30** Comedians **10.00** Fitz **11.00** Granada Men and Motors



***Event Horizon*: dark forces are at work when a space craft reappears, years after vanishing without trace (Sky Box Office 1)**

CARLTON SELECT [CABLE]

5.00pm What's Cooking? **5.30** Gndlock **6.00** London Bridge **6.30** Pull the Other One **7.00** The Upper Hand **7.30** Uefa Champions League Football: Lens v Arsenal **10.00** Soldier, Soldier **11.00** Boon **12.00** Pull the Other One **12.30am** Home to Roost

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Bear in the Big Blue House **6.30** Classic Toons **6.40** Gummi Bears **7.00** Aladdin **7.25** Classic Toons **7.35** 101 Dalmatians **8.00** Goof Troop **8.20** Classic Toons **8.30** Timon and Pumbaa **8.45** Winnie the Pooh **9.00** Spot **9.05** Animal Shelf **9.15** Pocket Dragons **9.30** Bear in the Big Blue House **9.55** Toothbrush Family **10.15** Tots TV **10.30** Let's Wiggle **10.35** Big Garage **10.50** PB and Jelly Otter **11.00** Sesame Street **12.00** Spot **12.05pm** Animal Shelf **12.15** Pocket Dragons **12.30** Bear in the Big Blue House **12.55** Toothbrush Family **1.15** Tots TV **1.30** Let's Wiggle **1.35** Big Garage **1.50** PB and Jelly Otter **2.05** Winnie the Pooh **2.30** Quack Pack **3.00** Little Mermaid **3.30** Timon and Pumbaa **3.45** Aladdin **4.15** 101 Dalmatians **4.45** Art Attack **5.00** Smart Guy **5.30** Recess **5.45** Pepper Ann **6.00** Wonder Years **6.30** Boy Meets World **7.00** Brotherly Love **7.30** Student Bodies **8.00 FILM: The Incredible Genie (1997)** **10.00** Close

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Power Rangers Turbo **7.00** Mortal Kombat **7.25** Oggy **7.30** Donkey Kong Country **8.00** Goosebumps **8.25** Sam and Max **8.35** Beetleborgs Metallix **9.00** Masked Rider **9.25** Incredible Hulk **9.50** Iron Man **10.15** Fantastic Four **10.40** X-Men **11.05** Spiderman **11.30** Life with Louie **11.55** Casper **12.05pm** Ace Ventura **12.30** Eek! Stravaganza **12.42** Mouse and the Monster **12.54** Casper **1.06** Terrible Thunderlizards **1.18** Home to Rent **1.30** Incredible Hulk **1.55** Iron Man **2.20** Fantastic Four **2.45** X-Men **3.10** Spiderman **3.30** Roy and Lisa's Big Ride **3.35** Mortal Kombat **4.00** Casper **4.50** Home to Rent **5.00** Goosebumps **5.25** Eene, Indiana **5.55** Donkey Kong Country **6.25** Sam and Max **6.50** Eek! Stravaganza

NICKELODEON

6.00am Fraggle Rock **6.30** Muppet Babies **7.00** Hey Arnold! **7.30** Rugrats **8.00** Doug **8.30** Animals of Farthing Wood **9.00** CBBC **10.00** Wimzie's House **10.30** Babar **11.00** The Magic School Bus **11.30** PB Bear/Towser/Magic Mountain/Clangers **12.00** Rugrats **12.30pm** Blue's Clues **1.00** Bananas in Pyjamas **1.30** Little Bear Stories **2.00** Rocky and the Dodos/Mr Benn/Mr Men **2.30** CBBC **3.30** Angry Beavers **4.00** Hey Arnold! **4.30** Rugrats **5.00** Sister Sister **5.30** Kenan and Kel **6.00** Sabrina the Teenage Witch **6.30** Moesha

TROUBLE

7.00am On the Make **7.15** What a Life **7.30** Hang Time **8.00** Saved by the Bell: The New Class **8.30** USA High **9.00** Heartbreak High **10.00** Echo Point **10.30** Ready or Not **11.00** On the Make **11.15** What a Life **11.30** California Dreams **12.00** Hollyoaks **12.30pm** Heartbreak High **1.30** Madison **2.00** Echo Point **2.30** No Naked Flames **3.00** Ready or Not **3.30** Hollyoaks **4.00** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **4.30** Saved by the Bell **5.00** Hang Time **5.30** USA High **6.00** California Dreams **6.30** Blast **7.00** Madison **7.30** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

CHALLENGE TV

5.00pm Crosswits **5.30** Challenge Prize Time **5.45** Family Fortunes **6.15** Challenge Prize Time **6.30** Catchphrase **7.00** Challenge Prize Time **7.15** 100 Per Cent **7.45** Challenge Prize Time **7.55** The Crystal Maze **9.00** Challenge Prize Time **9.15** Strike it Lucky **9.45** Challenge Prize Time **10.00** The Cooler **10.30** Challenge Prize Time **10.45** Carnal Knowledge **11.45** Challenge Prize Time **12.00** Karaoke Challenge **12.30am** Treasure Hunt **1.30** The Pyramid Game **2.00** Crosswits **2.30** Family Fortunes **3.00** The Cooler **3.30** Blockbusters **4.00** Blade Warriors **5.00** Screenshop

BRAVO

8.00pm The A-Team **9.00** Real Stories of the Highway Patrol **9.30** Cops **10.00** The Basement **10.30** Red Shoe Diaries **11.00 FILM: King Frat (1979)** **1.00am** Beverly Hills Bordello **1.30** Red Shoe Diaries **2.00** The Basement **2.30** Cops **3.00 FILM: Pentathlon (1994)** **5.00** Real Stories of the Highway Patrol **5.30** Freaky Stories

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne **7.30** Cosby **8.00** Grace Under Fire **8.30** Spin City **9.00** Ellen **9.30** Seinfeld **10.00** Frasier **10.30** Cheers **11.00** Kenny Everett **11.30** The Larry Sanders Show **12.00** Late Night with David Letterman **1.00am** Saturday Night Live **1.30** Saturday Night Live **2.00** Dr Katz **2.30** Soap **3.00** Kids in the Hall **3.30** Nightstand

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Quantum Leap **9.00** Babylon 5 **10.00 FILM: Scanner Cop II: Volkin's Revenge (1995)** **12.00** Close

HOME & LEISURE

6.00am The Joy of Painting **6.30** The Great Garden Game **7.00** Grassroots **7.30** New Yankee Workshop **8.00** Rex Hunt Fishing Adventures **8.30** Hometime **9.00** The Joy of Painting **9.30** The Great Garden Game **10.00** Grassroots **10.30** New Yankee Workshop **11.00** Rex Hunt Fishing Adventures **11.30** Hometime **12.00** Home Again **12.30pm** Our House Down Under **1.00** Antiques Trail **1.30** Our House **2.00** Classic This Old House **2.30** The Close Guide **3.00** Go Fishing **3.30** This Old House **4.00** Close

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Rex Hunt Fishing Adventures **4.30** Driving Passions **5.00** Flightline **5.30** Treasure Hunters **6.00** Zoo Story **6.30** Untamed Africa **7.30** Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World **8.00** Survivors! **9.30** Disaster **10.00** Wonders of Weather **11.00** Kings of the Rig **12.00** Flightline **12.30am** Driving Passions **1.00** Ghosts of Africa

ANIMAL PLANET

6.00am Kratt's Creatures **6.30** Jack Hanna's Zoo Life **7.00** Rediscovery of the World **8.00** Animal Doctor **8.30** It's a Vet's Life **9.00** Kratt's Creatures **9.30** Nature Watch with Julian Pettifer **10.00** Human/Nature **11.00** Profiles of Nature **12.00** Rediscovery of the World **1.00pm** Woof! It's a Dog's Life **1.30** It's a Vet's Life **2.00** Australia Wild **2.30** Jack Hanna's Zoo Life **3.00** Kratt's Creatures **3.30** Champions of the Wild **4.00** Going Wild **4.30** Kratt's Creatures **5.30** Human/Nature **6.30** Rediscovery of the World **7.30** Animal Doctor **8.00** Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures **8.30** Wild Rescues **9.00** Animals in Danger **9.30** Wild Guide **10.00** Animal Doctor **10.30** Emergency Vets **11.00** Human/Nature

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7.00pm Orphans in Paradise **8.00** Can Science Build a Champion Athlete? **9.00** First Emperor of China **10.00** Franz Josef Land **11.00** Vietnam's Great Ape **11.30** Wild Horses of Namib **12.00** Amazon Warrior

TRAVEL [CABLE]

12.00 Bruce's American Postcards **12.30pm** Go Greece **1.00** Travel Live **1.30** The Flavours Of Italy **2.00** The Flavours Of France **2.30** The Great Escape **3.00** Written in Stone **3.30** Ribbons Of Steel **4.00** Go 2 **4.30** Reel World **5.00** A Golfer's Travels **5.30** Worldwide Guide **6.00** The Flavours Of Italy **6.30** On Tour **7.00** Bruce's American Postcards **7.30** Go Greece **8.00** Holiday Maker **8.30** Go 2 **9.00** Whicker's World **10.00** The Great Escape **10.30** Reel World **11.00** On Tour **11.30** Worldwide Guide

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Occult History of the Third Reich: Heinrich Himmler **5.00** The Great Ships: The Whalers **6.00** Ancient Egypt: The Greatest Pharaohs **7.00** Brute Force: Assaulting the Fortress **7.30** Men in Crisis: De Gaulle v Petain **8.00** Close

CARLTON FOOD [CABLE]

9.00am Food Network Daily **9.30** Food for Thought **10.00** Feasts of the World **10.30** Planet Nosh **11.00** What's Cooking? **11.30** Coxon's Kitchen College **12.00** Food Network Daily **12.30pm** The Spice Trail **1.00** Food for Thought **1.30** From the Ground Up **2.00** Aldo's Italian Job **2.30** Food Network Daily **3.00** Ross's Foreign Assignment **3.30** Coxon's Kitchen College **4.00** So You Think You Can't Cook **4.30** Tessa Bramley's Country Kitchen

LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living **9.00** Special Babies **9.30** Beyond Belief, Fact or Fiction **10.00** Jerry Springer **10.50** Rolonda **11.40** Brookside **12.10pm** Jimmy's **12.45** Rescue 911 **1.15** Ready, Steady, Cook **1.50** Can't Cook, Won't Cook **2.20** Living it Up! **3.20** Rolonda **4.10** Tempest! **5.00** Ready, Steady, Cook **5.35** Can't Cook, Won't Cook **6.10** Jerry Springer **7.00** Rescue 911 **7.30** Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction **8.00** Adrenalin Junkies **9.00** Nothing Lasts Forever **11.00** Sex Files **12.00** Close

ZEE TV

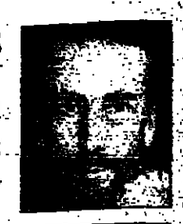
6.00am Community Touch **6.30** Positive Health Show **7.00** Jaagran **7.30** News **8.00** India Business Report **8.30** Buniyaad **9.00** Rishtey — The Love Stories **10.00** Budha Ghar Pe Hai **11.00** The Low Cal Show **11.30** Kurukshetra **12.00** FILM: Mera Sanam **2.30pm** Cricket **6.00** Teacher **6.30** Cricket **10.30** Amanat **11.00** Purushkshetra **12.00** News **12.30am** Ghoomta Aaina **1.00** Jee Sahab **1.30** Raahat **2.00** FILM: Khara Kaharo Na Khel **4.30** Hang Bai Rangi **5.00** TBA **5.30** Old is Gold



TENNIS 37
Wilkinson slides to defeat in Bournemouth

SPORT

SIMON BARNES 38
Cricket showdown that inspires nothing but apathy



WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16 1998

Manchester United and Arsenal begin quest for European football's greatest prize

Ferguson seeks fulfilment



Patrick Kluivert, centre, leads the Barcelona squad during their training session in Wrexham yesterday. Photograph: Dave Kendall

By Kevin McCarra

THERE was a scene missing from the television documentary about Alex Ferguson that was transmitted last night. On some cutting-room floor, there must surely be a piece of film shot in his office. It would show the Manchester United manager doodling the European Cup trophy on a blotter. So far as the public, at least, is concerned, the tournament is Ferguson's obsession.

Even if his life has too many shades to be depicted in such primary colours, the European Cup does bring Ferguson to a state of heightened awareness. Champions' League group D, whose members also include Bayern Munich and Brondby, begins for United with the visit of Barcelona to Old Trafford this evening. The issues are marching towards Ferguson once more. Is it his crowning ambition to win the trophy?

"I'll keep on getting that question until it happens," he said. A wry answer fooled no one and there were to be glimpses of his intense reaction to the tournament. Some episodes may be lodged in his thoughts for ever. His United side also played Barcelona in the Champions' League of 1994-95, losing 4-0 in the Nou Camp.

"It was a chastening experience," Ferguson said, "but you cannot look back on what happened four years ago as being monumental. We've come on since then. Sometimes you need a jolt to bring you on a step."

For their part, Barcelona may have slipped back, and they are no longer served by Romario, the Brazil forward who tormented United in 1994.

"I'm glad Romario is not playing," Ferguson said. "No one can compare to him when it comes to killing you and carrying the threat of doing it. You sit there on the bench knowing that at one point he will strike. It's a horrible feeling. Barcelona have no player like that now, but they are still a good team."

The Spanish champions have been in uncertain form and will be without Miguel Angel Nadal, the veteran centre half whom United once wished to sign. He has a torn muscle in his right leg. There has, in any case, been perpetual change since Louis van Gaal, the Barcelona coach, came to the club in the summer of 1997. Heavy defeats in the European Cup and several other misadventures proved to be milestones on a curious journey last season that took Barcelona to the League and Cup double, but there was much disparagement of his side. Van Gaal may be experiencing stress, even if there was an element of justice in his complaint that United will start and finish the Champions' League group with home matches while his team have away games on those nights.

In his time at Barcelona, Van Gaal has had to endure criticism and even the formation of a protest group called "The Blue Elephant". Perhaps, in the best sense, there is something thick-skinned about Van Gaal. It is hard to turn him aside. Iván de la Peña, Albert Ferrer and Guillermo Amor were favourites of the fans, but Van Gaal still sold them. In the desire for the tactical rigour that he counted upon when managing Ajax, he has five Dutchmen in his squad and Ronald Koeman has been appointed as his assistant.

Where players and coaching staff are concerned, the days of upheaval are in the past for Ferguson. He dismissed as "absolute rubbish" reports that BSkyB, the bidders to take over United, were trying to buy Hidetoshi Nakata, the Japan attacking midfield player, from Perugia.

Ferguson's reaction was more equivocal when he was asked if rumours that he might move to Juventus were equally spurious. "You can call it fiction if you like," he said, implying that there was truth in the assertion. All the same, it is difficult to see Ferguson leaving Old Trafford if an improved contract is offered.

There are the fruits of his work to be enjoyed in Manchester, where he seems happy with the depth of his squad. Henning Berg is to replace the injured Ronny Johnsen in central defence and there will be the intriguing sight of Dwight Yorke making his European debut for the club, partnering Ole Gunnar Solskjaer in attack. If Ferguson cannot wrench his eyes from events on the pitch, how could his body leave the premises?

MANCHESTER UNITED (probable, 4-4-2): P Schmeichel — G Neville, J Stam, H Berg, P Neville — D Beckham, R Keane, P Scholes, R Giggs — D Yorke, O G Solskjaer

BARCELONA (4-1-2-3): R Hesp — S Okunowo, F Abelardo, M Rezaqor, Serge — P Cocu — L Enrique, B Zenden — L Figo, S Anderson, Rivaldo



Ferguson: on a quest



Van Gaal: complaint

Wenger finds strength in the old guard

From Matt Dickinson in Lens

WHAT for Manchester United is an all-consuming obsession appears for Arsenal more the beginnings of a trivial pursuit tonight. Feverish excitement did not exactly fill the air as the FA Carling Premiership champions prepared to commence their Champions' League campaign against Lens in France.

That is not to say that Arsenal will be taking their responsibilities lightly this evening. It is simply a reflection of the pragmatic mood that characterises Arsène Wenger and his squad, as opposed to the tub-thumping rhetoric that spouts from Old Trafford whenever the call to European battle is sounded.

It is partly to do with the opponents tonight, of course. While United prepare to entertain the might of Barcelona, Arsenal visit a club that won the first French championship in its history last year. It is a town, moreover, that makes Peterborough look like a heaving metropolis.

The air of sober reality is not helped by the regular appraisals of Wenger, who believes that the demands of the domestic league make it almost impossible for an English club to win this tournament.

Nor is it helped by the problem of Dennis Bergkamp's fear of flying, which will mean that the Dutchman, who arrived via the Channel Tunnel yesterday, misses the remaining two away games at Dynamo Kiev and Panathinaikos.

With Arsenal scoring just one goal in their last four games, a late equaliser at Leicester City on Saturday, and David Seaman in patchy form, there are few obvious reasons for heady optimism tonight for a side that, in the absence of Bergkamp in the away leg, was knocked out of the Uefa Cup in the first round by Thessaloniki last season.

No wonder, then, that Wenger is relying on the natural competitive hunger of his experienced English players such as Seaman, Tony Adams, Nigel Winterburn and Lee Dixon, who, he believes, have a point to prove.

"Many players at this club have had brilliant careers, but they have missed the chance to do well in the Champions' League," Wenger said. "I would love them to show that they can and I know they will fight for it.

"In this competition, you need players who are strong characters, because one week you are playing in Greece, the next in minus 10 degrees in the Ukraine. They must be able to adjust and I believe I have that kind of experienced player."

Nor should one underplay Wenger's own experience, the Frenchman boasting a Champions' League record to match Alex Ferguson's with quarter-final and semi-final appearances when he was manager of AS Monaco.

The Arsenal manager, who has yet to sign the agreed four-year extension to his contract, could be without Emmanuel Petit, who injured his left shin in training last night. Stephen Hughes is on standby. Adams and Nicolas Anelka are due to return, however, after being rested at Filbert Street and a draw should be well within Arsenal's capabilities against a French team feared for their physical strength as much as technical dash.

Marc-Vivien Foe, the Cameroon international coveted by Manchester United, is absent with injury while the heart of the Lens side was ripped out in the summer and sold on.

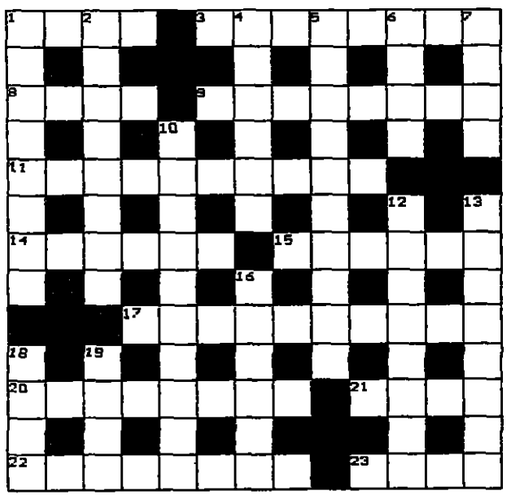
Despite their lacklustre early-season form, the English champions should be capable of progression from this quartet. While United have group D for death, Arsenal have B for relatively easy, with Wenger citing Dynamo Kiev as the strongest threat. Last year, the Ukrainian champions qualified easily from the group containing Barcelona, Newcastle United and PSV Eindhoven, and gave Juventus the fright of their lives in the quarter-finals.

ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — L Dixon, T Adams, M Keown, N Winterburn — R Parlour, E Petit, P Vieira, M Overmars — D Bergkamp, N Anelka

LENS (4-4-2): G Warmuz — E Sikora, C Magnier, F Dehu, Y Lachor — V Smicer, C Rool, S Dalmat, D Moreira — T Vareilles, P Nouma.



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Wasim fights to clear name

By Richard Hobson

WASIM AKRAM has withdrawn from international cricket while he strives to prove his innocence against allegations of match-fixing. The Pakistan all-rounder, one of the best players of his generation, has hired a retired judge from Karachi to protest his case after being implicated with Salim Malik and Ijaz Ahmed in an interim report by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) leaked last week.

It recommended that none of the three should be chosen until investigations are completed. Wasim has described the claims as "a conspiracy", and suggested that they stem from rivalries within the PCB and jealousy at his earnings from the sport. He laid much of the blame with Majid Khan, chief executive of the PCB.

"I must clear my name for me, my friends, my family and most of all for my son," Wasim said. "Unfortunately, I have had to leave cricket because it might take two or three years to get through this. When allegations like this arise, you need to fight them. I would love to carry on but I simply cannot. I am happy, though, because I know I have done nothing wrong."

Little is predictable in Pakistan cricket but, if Wasim is correct in his anticipated timescale, then a career at the top level could be over at the age of 32. He has played 79 Tests and his total of 341 wickets is just 21 behind the best by a Pakistani, set by Imran Khan. He had hoped to beat that record during the series against Australia beginning later this month.

There may be consolation, however. Although he will not be re-engaged by Lancashire, Wasim has effectively removed himself from consideration for the World Cup next summer, and so would be available to another English county for the 1999 season.



Wasim: denies match-fixing

Drummers hoping to hit right note

Kevin Eason reports on an idea intended to attract young fans

FOR YEARS the clatter of a simple rattle was the most sophisticated syncopation to the cheers from the terraces.

But the newly-named Waterloo Drummers are taking big steps in an effort to shake their normally reserved spectators into something approaching excitement. Those supporters of the Allied Dunbar Premiership Two rugby club with a nervous disposition, however, should be warned that free admission to the game on Saturday is only on offer to anyone who turns up with a drum.

The prospect of hundreds of budding percussionists descending on the St Anthony's Road ground, in Blundellsands just north of Liverpool, might alarm the faithful Waterloo spectator.

They are about to discover, however, that modern sport must occasionally generate the sonic pain of a pop concert to be worth the entrance money for the less devoted spectator. Steven Morris, the Drummers' business development manager, says that the new name was part of a plan to attract a younger audience.

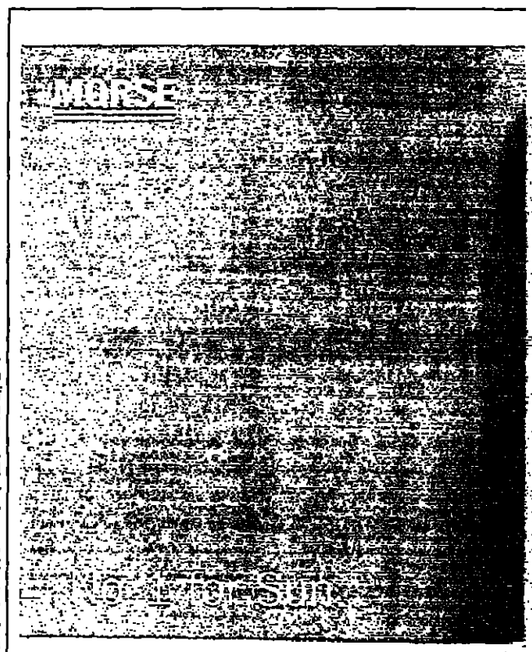
"We want to attract more first-time spectators to Waterloo, but the game can be very boring to new people, particularly children, because it is so complicated," he said.

The problem of the sometimes near-comatose crowd is not unknown in football or rugby clubs. Not surprisingly, the Football League has been caught between its need to present soccer as an emotional spectacle and the concern to exert iron control over crowds.

Its solution was a report that suggested that there might be "designated song leaders with musical instruments and amplification" to ginger up spectators. The bands of wandering minstrels have not always received a cheery welcome.

The nine-strong band that is a feature of Sheffield Wednesday's home games has found stewards at away games crotchety. Indeed, John Hemmington, the leader, has even had his trumpet confiscated as a potentially offensive weapon.

For the Drummers, though, culture is not a problem; only finding the beat that will be a winning rhythm.



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